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LIVELY TIME IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The morning hour in the Senate was unusually lively to-day. Mr. Trumbull denounced the violation of the agreement on the part of the Senate to take a vote on the Apportionment bill on Saturday, and the passage between himself and the Vice President was of a very pointed character. Mr. Sumner called attention to the fact that the *Globe* report of Friday's debate on the adjournment resolution was very incorrect, and produced a letter from the publishers saying that the cries of Mr. Conkling during the debate, and the demand of Mr. Hamlin, that "Old Hundred" should be sung were suppressed by request. Mr. Sumner then supplied the omissions as part of his speech, and as thus amended it was ordered recorded.

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The Secretary of War has sent a statement to General Cobb, Chairman of the Military Committee, showing that there are 384 military prisoners in public prisons, or prisons attached to posts, and that the cost to the Government to maintain them is at the rate of $75,000 annually. Investigations have shown that many of these persons are under the absolute control of petty officers, and are often treated with cruelty. General Coburn expects to make a strong argument for his Military Prison bill from a humanitarian standpoint, based on the facts and figures thus furnished.

THE NORTH CAROLINA SENATORSHIP.

The Senate Committee on Elections has decided to report in favor of Abbott's, of North Carolina, claim to a seat. This is the result of most persistent lobbying on the part of Abbott. The latter has taken an open part on the floor of both Houses, in an attempt to control legislation on the Amnesty bill, in such a way as would promote his personal ends. His claim is not based upon merits of any sort, but upon the fact that as Vance, his competitor, was not eligible, he (Abbott) should be regarded as elected, even though he received a minority of the votes. The House, after a report from its Committe and a full debate, has decided in opposition to the validity of this position in the case of Smith of Kentucky, against John Young Brown.

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The movement from various quarters in favor of Henry Wilson for Vice President is assuming considerable strength. The same is true in regard, to the use of the name of Jas. F. Wilson, of Iowa, in the Convention.

(To the Associated Press.)

CHICAGO TOBACCO MANUFACTURERS APPLY FOR RELIEF.

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REVENUE APPOINTMENTS.

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NOMINATIONS.

The President sent the following nominations to the Senate to-day: Postmaster—R. B. Mason, Nevada, Mo.; Sylvanus Miller, Mount Vernon, Ind.

SUPREME COURT CASES.

The Supreme Court to-day delivered an opinion against what is known as the Drake Amendment which prohibits the admission to the Court of Claims of evidence of amnesty and pardon on the part of suitors, but allows the applicant to refer to the fact of amnesty and pardon as evidence of disloyalty, unless at the time of receiving the pardon and amnesty he protested against the interpretation of previous disloyalty contained in the official document. The Court adopted the views of Lincoln of late years, which granted amnesty and pardon on condition of taking the oath, &c., with the restoration of property, excepting slaves. The Court asserts the full power of the President as to pardon and amnesty, and the acceptance of which cannot, it says, be barred of no effect by legislation of Congress. In this case of Claiborne, the Court rendered judgment for claimant, and an appeal is taken from this Court, and it is directed to dismiss the appeal, and to be found that judgment must be affirmed, because of the pardon granted to intestate. On claimants this cannot be done without allowing that the Legislature may prescribe rules of decision to the Judicial Department of the Government in the cases pending before it. It is said that Congress has inadvertently passed the limit which separates the legislative from the judicial power, and it is of vital importance that these powers be kept separate. Congress has already provided that the Supreme Court shall have the jurisdiction of judgments of the Court of Claims on appeal, and it cannot prescribe a form in conformity with which the Court must deny to itself the jurisdiction thus conferred because its decision in accordance with settled law must be adverse to the Government and favorable to the suitor. The motion to dismiss is denied, and the judgment of the Court of Claims affirmed. The Chief Justice delivered the opinion. Justices Miller and Bradley dissented on the ground that there was one interest in the form of a confiscation of the property of rebels and abandoned property act when the property had been sold and proceeds paid into the Treasury, under it. They concur as to the constitutional question involved raised by the amendment to the question.

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As it passed the Senate, it will stand as the number of members of the House of Representatives at 283.

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In the Court of Claims, to-day, Judge Knott delivered the opinion of the Court, denying a motion of one of the United States for a new trial in the case of John Silvey, involving about $37,000 worth of cotton seized at Atlanta, Ga. The motion was made under the statute enacted a year ago, authorizing the Government, within two years after the decision of the case, to move for a new trial upon the discovery of fraud, wrong, or injustice by the United States, and the decision is important as giving the construction of the Court to the statute in regard to diligence required on the part of the Government, and kindred questions. Chief Justice Drake and Judge Loring dissented.

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AN INQUIRY.

Mr. GETZ asked leave to offer a resolution for an investigation into the authority by which Seneca sandstone had been used in the foundation of the new State Department building, contrary to the order of the Joint Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. NEGLEY objected.

THE LEATHER INTEREST.

In the House, the Ways and Means Committee heard the leather and tanning men to-day. G. W. Allen, of Milwaukee, argued in favor of a reduction of the duty on leather, and the removal of that on hides. Foreign raw hides are now free in Canada, where, owing to cheaper labor and tanning generally, they are tanned and exported for our own trade. At present the Canadians have an advantage of 11 per cent over us. John B. Alley was opposed to the reduction on leather, and presented the protest of three leather dealers of Boston, who believed they expressed the sentiments of the leather-taking trade generally.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.

A SLIGHT OMISSION.

Mr. SUMNER called attention to the omission from the *Globe* of Hamlin's suggestion, on Friday, that before voting for Sumner's equal rights amendment the Senate should sing "Old Hundred." He said that the omission of what was made at the request of Hamlin, rendered his own subsequent remarks unintelligible.

SAN FRANCISCO BILL.

Mr. COLE called up the bill leasing a portion of the Presidio Reservation to San Francisco for a public park. Mr. Casserly wished to examine the bill. It went over.

CONTUMACIOUS WITNESSES.

The morning hour was consumed in a discussion on the resolution for the arrest of Gist and Camp, who refused to testify before the Ku-Klux Committee of South Carolina.

POSTPONED.

The Amnesty bill was in order, but was postponed till to-morrow, with the understanding that no vote will be taken.

CARONDELET VS. THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. BLAIR, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, reported, without amendment, the bill conferring jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to hear and determine the suit of the Carondelet vs. United States.

NEW BILLS.

Bills were introduced and referred as follows:

By Mr. BLAIR—Authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay for coin seized by agents of the United States after June 30, 1865.

By Mr. HOWE—Allowing homestead settlers, and heirs of homestead settlers, named out in the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan until Jan. 1, 1873, to rebuild on and occupy their homestead lands.

APPORTIONMENT BILL.

The Apportionment bill came up.

Mr. MORRILL (Vermont) resumed his remarks. He preferred the Senate substitute to the House bill. He said the House bill would do injustice to at least fifteen States, and compel the large States at the expense of the small.

The question was on the first amendment reported by the Judiciary Committee, providing that the House shall consist of 283, instead of 292—292—instead of 283, as proposed in the House bill.

Mr. MORRILL (Vt.) moved to amend, so as to make the number 292. Lost—Yeas, 17; nays, 31.

Mr. EDMUNDS again argued that the House bill would violate the constitutional requirement, that there shall be equality of representation, and expressed the opinion that exact justice would be nearest approximated by reverting to the rule which was followed up to 1841, of disregarding fractions altogether.

The other amendments reported by the Committee were rejected, except the last, which was adopted—yeas, 37; nays, 25. The section provides that, should any State, after the passage of the act, deny or abridge the right of any of its male citizens to vote at any election named in the Fourteenth Amendment, except for participation in rebellion or other crime, the number of its Representatives shall be proportionately reduced.

Mr. POMEROY moved to strike out the fifth section, which prohibits the admission of any new State until it has a sufficient population to entitle it to one representative. Lost—24 to 32.

Mr. PATTERSON moved to amend so as to give Vermont and New Hampshire three members each. Lost—48 to 9.

Other amendments were offered and rejected.

The bill having been considered in Committee, was reported to the Senate, and the amendments made by the Committee concurred in—34 to 19.

The bill passed, all Senators voting aye except Messrs. Edmunds, Hamilton (Md.), Morrill (Vt.), Norwood, Patterson, Saulsbury, and Vickers.

Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Bills were introduced admitting pine timber and lumber free for building two steel-clad and repealing the stamp tax on syrups and prepared vegetables.

By Mr. BUTLER, granting women suffrage.

By Mr. HALDEMAN, for public buildings at Harrisburg, Pa.

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Mr. GETZ offered his resolution of inquiry as to the use of Seneca sandstone in the new building for the State Department, and it was agreed to, there being only 5 negative votes.

On motion of Mr. PRICE the Educational bill was made the special order for next Fridays and the following Tuesday, the vote is to be taken.

PENSION BILL.

Mr. GARFIELD offered a resolution requesting the Senate to return to the House the bill passed last week making pensions to commence from date of discharge or death of a soldier. In connection with it he sent to the Clerk's desk, and had read a communication from the Commissioner of Pensions, stating that the bill would involve an expenditure of $6,500,000; and he said he desired to consider the question.

Mr. ALLISON stated he also had an amendment, and the rill was accordingly sent to the Committee of Ways and Means.

SECOND READING OF BILLS.

Senate bills were read the second time.

REVENUE BILL.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the Revenue bill, about fifty members present.

A large number of sections relating to the duties of Collectors were adopted.

Mr. CLARK (LaSalle), moved to strike out the provision allowing the County revenue to be collected in National Bank notes, since they were not a legal tender.

The motion was not agreed to.

Mr. CLARK (LaSalle) moved to exempt personal property liable for taxes on real estate was not stricken out. Yeas, 11; nays, 10.

The Committee rose, declaring that real estate shall not be liable for taxes on personal property was stricken out. Yeas, 21; nays, 19.

The Committee rose.

EMINENT DOMAIN.

Mr. SPRINGER said Nelson had prepared a corrective section making a part of the Eminent Domain bill, and he hoped the subject would be made the order for an early day.

Mr. BOYD said he recognized the necessity for a bill, and being disposed to yield to a certain extent, he had drawn an amendment which he hoped would meet the approval, and which left the question as to what just compensation could be made to the Supreme Court.

Mr. WASHBURN said he had voted for the time for special legislation, when expressed as in this bill, "Counties over two hundred thousand inhabitants," etc. And as one vote would defeat the bill this morning it will be formally passed over.

COUNTING OF RECORDS.

Mr. Alexander's bill to provide for the copying of old and damaged records was read and referred.

FIRST READING OF BILLS.

A number of House bills were read a first time and referred. Among them Greenebaum's.

ADJOURNED TO-MORROW.

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"NOT GUILTY."

The Charges of Bribery Against Alderman Bailey.

His Arraignment and Trial in the Criminal Court.

He is Found "Not Guilty as Charged in the Indictment."

Uproarious Sympathy Among the Spectators—Two of Them Fined for Contempt.

Unsuccessful Effort of Montgomery to Procure a Postponement of His Case.

The Facts Concerning the Temporary Liberation of Glade.

The trial of city officials was called on in the Criminal Court yesterday morning, before Judge Lambert Tree, of the Circuit Court, the first case called being the indictment against Alderman M. B. Bailey. The indictment charges that Bailey, being an Alderman, proposed to receive as a bribe from William Goggin, $4,000 to induce him, as said Alderman, to use his influence to procure the purchase by the Common Council, of which he was a member, of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and a reservation of 12 feet in Block 12 Butler, Wright & Webster's Addition to Chicago for a school site.

MONTGOMERY'S CASE.

Mr. Leonard Swett. I have been seen by Mr. Montgomery, to attend to his case, but I have an engagement in the country, and I have to go there. I could do nothing more to-day than get ready to leave; and I would like to have his case postponed until I return. I am going to try a little matter of killing, as Mr. Reed states, and I may not get through so soon as he has in the case just tried.

Mr. Reed. How long have you been retained by Mr. Montgomery?

Mr. Swett. On Saturday.

Mr. Reed. I am ready in the case to-day, and they are both indictments found at the December term of the Court.

Mr. Swett. I would say in relation to my returning, the case I am going to try has been on the docket for years. It is not likely I will be able to take me a long time, but generally it is not tried I can't say when I will be back, but I think I will be back Saturday night.

The Court. You were not retained in this case until Saturday. I don't think that is sufficient ground for the postponement of this case. It is quite as important that the business of this County should be disposed of as the business of another County. We cannot because of the engagements of counsel in some other county postpone a case where ample notice has been given for obtaining other counsel. In all these cases notice was given by the State's Attorney at the beginning of the term, that they would be taken up in their order, and, I think, a week ago notice was given here, in Court, to Mr. Runyan that these cases would be called on this morning. I hardly think it is fair to the State's Attorney that the case, under the circumstances, should be postponed.

Mr. Louis Wahl. If you want me as a witness you must examine me to-day. I am going to New York to-night.

The Court. That won't do, sir, you have been subpœnaed, and you cannot push from the jurisdiction of the Court.

Mr. Bailey. I am ex-Alderman Montgomery's case was discharged until Tuesday.

Mr. Reed. I am ready now for a jury in the case of M. B. Bailey.

THE PLEADINGS.

The Court. What is the condition of the pleadings?

It was agreed that all the motions and pleas submitted in the case of Hermann O. Glade,—the challenge to the array of the Grand Jury; the motion to quash the indictment; the demurrer to the indictment, and the challenge to the panel of the Petit Juror,—are interposed in this case; that each is overruled, and that the defendant excepted to the ruling of the Court in each instance.

The accused then re-entered his plea of not guilty, and the process of empanelling the jury was gone into.

EMPANELLING THE JURY.

P. B. Ayar, O. Osgood, R. Erby, and W. H. Wilson, were first called, and the case, as alleged in the indictment, stated to them.

Mr. Ayar knew nothing of the case, and had no opinion as to its merits.

Mr. Wilson answered in the same manner.

Mr. Fisk had not heard of the case, excepting in Court.

Mr. Osgood had heard of the case in Court, and had read of the case in the newspapers; but he had formed no opinion on the question of the guilt or innocence of the accused.

Being examined by Mr. Van Arman for defendant, stated that, although he had read what was stated yesterday. What he read was generally unfavorable. He resides at 1343 Indiana avenue, Chicago, and only saw Mr. Reed since he had been in Court. He sat on a jury in the Municipal Court.

Mr. Fisk, of 21 Aberdeen street, was rejected as a juryman in the case of Glade. He lately resided (up to Dec. 21) at Beloit, where he paid taxes last year. He had, since he was on the jury, refrained from reading anything about the case, and he had avoided hearing, as much as he could, of what was said in Court. For fifteen years and a half he was in business and now is an agent for the sale of tinner's stock.

Mr. Fisk was challenged on the ground that he had not paid city tax, and the cause being sustained.

Mr. Wilson sat as a juryman in the Glade case.

Mr. Osgood had read the papers daily, but had not formed nor expressed any opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the accused.

Mr. Ayar and Mr. Wilson were challenged peremptorily.

Mr. Osgood asked that he be excused on the ground that he is unwell.

The Court. I don't think that the juror, from his own statement, is in such physical condition as would excuse him. It is entirely with the gentlemen for the defence whether they will excuse him or not.

Mr. Osgood. I will serve, your Honor.

A. A. Sprague, George W. Griffin, and Albert Hedge were examined by the defence.

Mr. Sprague did not sit on the trial of the indictment against Glade. He had read accounts of these indictments against aldermen. What he did read he could not remember much about, nor had he any recollection of conversations had when he was present concerning the cases. He had formed no opinion as to the merits of the case. He had paid city tax within a year.

George W. Griffin lately a model maker now boarding housekeeper, had lived in the city eleven years. He had read no papers for the last few days, had heard of the cases in Court. His mind was entirely blank as to the merits of the case, and this would be the case were he now hearing about it. He could not say if he had paid a tax within a year but he is taxable and has taxes in his pocket. He sat upon the last jury in the Glade case.

Mr. Hodge sat upon the Glade case; lives at 80 Twenty-second street. Has paid taxes within a year. Excepting in the case of Glade, he had formed and expressed no opinion.

Mr. Van Arman. I consider all these jurors that have sat upon the former cases are not in a safe condition to be jurors in another like case. It seems to me we ought not to be compelled to try the case before them.

The Court. The evidence and charge are entirely different.

Mr. Van Arman. That is true; but it cannot be unknown to any man how *rife* prejudice is in such case.

The Court. I don't see how I can depart from the rule of law.

Mr. Van Arman. We challenge Mr. Griffin peremptorily, as we accept no other juror.

Simon Doyle was examined by the defence. He resides at No. 48 Grove street, and sat to try this case. He is not a defendant, he has known nothing of his case, and he had not formed any opinion as to the general complaint. He had expressed that opinion that he would not find any man guilty until the evidence convinced him. He had paid taxes, and was, before the fire, living on the premises. In consumption, he stated he resides in the Sixteenth Ward.

The Clerk being about to swear the four accepted, Mr. Van Arman objected to the swearing of the four.

Mr. Reed. We ask that they be sworn.

The Court. I think it is in accordance with the practice. Let them be sworn.

They were sworn.

Peter Storey, Fred. W. Erby, John R. Black, and J. A. Fisher, were called and examined for the people.

Fred. Erby knew nothing of the case, nor did he know Mr. Bailey. Upon the general causes he had heard conversation.

Mr. Black was in a like condition.

Mr. Storey had heard what had been said in Court, but had formed no opinion.

In reply to defendant's counsel, Mr. Ledyard said he was not on the jury in Glade's case, having been excused. He had had a conversation in the jury room about these cases, but it did not include the giving of any opinion; but unconsciously he might, perhaps, have an impression.

Mr. Osgood sat on the trial of Glade. He had not been a tax-payer within the last year, as he knew.

Mr. Meppin sat upon the Glade jury, but as to this case his mind was wholly unprejudiced. He had talked about the cases generally. He paid taxes within a year.

Mr. Grover read the account of the indictments but had formed no opinion as to the merits of this or any other of the cases. He has paid no taxes now within a year.

Mr. Ledyard and Mr. Grover were excused for the cause that they have paid no taxes.

Reuben Benedict and John Melody called. Replied to the defendant's counsel.

Mr. Melody is not a tax-payer within the city. He had talked of some of the cases and said if they were guilty they had ought to be indicted. He never heard anything about the case, whereof his mind is clear of all impressions about it.

Mr. Benedict is not be able to swear that he has paid tax within the year.

A. H. Foster was examined by defendant's counsel. He had read some of the accounts of the Aldermanic cases. He had paid taxes within a year. He had formed no opinion. He was challenged peremptorily.

J. E. Pettibone was examined on the same side. He resides at 47 South Curtis, and is a painter. He has nothing of the case, and has stated if he paid a tax within a year. He had read in the papers about the Aldermanic indictments, but he never talked about their cases. Sat once on a Grand Jury, five years ago; never sat on any other jury. He paid water-tax last month.

Mr. Van Arman. We challenge him peremptorily as a non-tax-payer.

The Court. I think he is competent. He has paid water tax.

He was challenged peremptorily, and thus were exhausted the peremptory challenges of defendant.

R. Dybold, of No. 130 South Halsted street, tax-payer, had read accounts in the papers of the Aldermanic indictments, but his mind was free of all impression as to their guilt or innocence.

The people challenged Mr. Melody peremptorily.

J. T. Webber, examined for the people, is in the gentlemen's furnishing business. He has no knowledge of the case, and does not know the accused, Formerly did business at No. 36 Dearborn street.

COMPLETED.

And so the jury was completed as follows:

W. O. Osgood, Simon Doyle, A. A. Sprague, R. Dybold, Albert Hodge, J. T. Webber, Knight S. Meppin, Peter Storey, Patrick Hoolor, C. Chilsdon, Fred. W. Erby, J. A. Fisher.

OPENING OF THE CASE.

Mr. Reed opened the case. He stated that he expected to show that Goggin having proposed to sell a piece of real estate to the city, on which to erect a public school house, was visited at St. Louis, to which city he was sojourning, by Bailey, after some preliminary conversation, introduced the subject of Goggin's offer, and, among the first things, said to him that he thought that he could get the Common Council would not purchase it unless he would put up some money. In consequence of this statement of Bailey's, three other Aldermen, who had the thing in charge,—that is, the matter of getting money in considerable sums that they would pay him to procure the purchase by the City,—were approached by Bailey asked if he had seen any of those Aldermen, and being told no, and then was told that he ought to. Bailey then told Goggin returned to Chicago, and then he saw the Aldermen that Bailey had mentioned, and Bailey then raised the price $4,000, which, if he put up, the land would be purchased. Goggin did not put up, and the land was not bought. Goggin said he had offered the land as cheap as he could sell it, and he had no money to put up. It should be thus established: that the proposition was actually made to accomplish the purpose, then a verdict of guilty will be found. It will be his endeavor to say that before the conclusion of these investigations it would be shown that even honest measures could not pass the Council during the past two years where money was not paid.

The defence reserved its opening.

JOHN A. MOODY

testified as follows:

Q. You reside in Chicago, Mr. Moody? A. I do.

Q. How long have you resided in Chicago? A. About five years.

Q. Do you hold any official position under the Municipal Government in the city of Chicago in the County? A. I am employed in the City Clerk's office.

Q. What are you in the City Clerk's office? A. Deputy City Clerk.

Q. By whom appointed? A. I was appointed first by Mr. Bodman, and then by General Hotchkiss also, since he came in office.

Q. Is General Hotchkiss the present City Clerk? A. He is.

Q. For how long a time has he acted as City Clerk? A. He was elected two years ago last December the first time, and re-elected in December last.

Q. Have you been acting as General Hotchkiss' Deputy ever since he has been in office? A. I have.

Q. Is he in the city, or is he absent from the city at present? A. He is absent.

Q. Out of the State? A. He was last Saturday.

Q. How long since he went away? A. He went away last Monday.

Q. Is he generally what have been and are your duties in the City Clerk's office. A. I have had general charge of the office under him.

Q. Do you know the defendant here, M. B. Bailey? A. I do.

Q. Will you state whether he is one of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Chicago?

Objected to, on the ground that this is not the best evidence.

Q. Has he been acting as such.

Q. How long? A. For a year.

Q. Since about what time did he commence acting as an Alderman or member of the Common Council? A. I think a year ago last December.

I am not certain as to the date.

Q. What Ward has he been representing?

Objected to.

The Court. Do you object on the ground of materiality, or irrelevancy?

Mr. Hervey. We object to the grade of proof.

The Court. Not as to the form of question?

Mr. Hervey. No, sir.

The Court. I think it is competent.

Q. What Ward has he been representing, or is he representing? A. I understand him to represent the Eighth Ward.

Q. Of the City of Chicago? A. Yes, sir.

Q. In the Common Council of this city? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Does he continue to act as such Alderman, and represent that Ward as one of the Aldermen in the Common Council of this city at present? A. Yes, sir.

Q. He is one of those whose term did not run out on the 1st of April? A. His term does not expire until next fall.

Q. He holds over, under the charter, the current year? A. He does.

Q. Have you had occasion to attend the meetings of the Common Council during this period that the said Bailey has been acting as an Alderman from the Eighth Ward? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you had occasion to see him there acting as an Alderman and voting with the rest of the Common Council? A. I have seen him there acting and voting.

Q. Most frequently? A. He attends most of the meetings of the Council just as regular as most any of the Aldermen.

No cross-examination.

WM. GOGGIN,

being sworn, testified as follows:

Direct-examination by Mr. Reed: Q. What is your name? A. William Goggin.

Q. Where do you reside? A. I resided at 161 North Franklin street. I reside now at 219 West Lake street.

Q. You used, to reside on North Franklin street, in this city, before the great fire? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long have you been residing in Chicago? A. About sixteen years.

Q. What has been your chief occupation during that period? A. These last ten years I have followed contracting.

Q. What description of contracting? A. Improving streets, and contracts generally.

Q. About how long? A. About ten years. Perhaps not quite that long.

Q. Do you know the defendant, Mr. Bailey? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long have you known him? A. Some time last spring, I think; perhaps last April.

Q. Where did you first become acquainted with him? A. I don't know, indeed; somewhere in the city.

Q. I will ask you whether you offered to sell any land to the city for school purposes? A. I did, sir.

Q. When was that? A. Some time about a year ago this winter.

Mr. Runyan. We object. The propositions are all in writing.

Mr. Reed. There was the land situated? A. Situated at the corner of Huron and Franklin streets.

Q. In the city of Chicago? A. Yes, sir.

Mr. Van Arman. Let me inquire, was the proposition you made to sell your land in writing or verbal? A. In writing.

Mr. Van Arman. Then we object.

Q. Do you know where the proposition is now? A. I guess it was consumed in the fire.

Mr. Reed. I anticipated this.

Mr. Goggin. I might find some papers of that date.

Q. When do you say you offered that land? A. Some time last year, this winter.

Mr. Hervey. We object to any evidence as to the offer until the contract is produced. Then its contents must be proved.

Mr. Smith. It is not a matter directly in issue. It is merely preliminary.

Mr. Reed. The gist of evidence are equally premptory. Have they proposed to show the contents of the written paper? They have indicted Alderman Bailey for proposing to receive, in his official action in the purchase, by the Common Council, of a certain described property for school purposes from the witness. Now, we say that proposal *directly* in issue.

The proposition that Mr. Goggin made to the city. If Mr. Goggin did not propose to sell the property for school purposes, there could be no impropriety on the part of this defendant, or of anybody else. The prosecution is therefore bound to show the proposal to sell by the witness. They show that he made a proposition to sell, in writing, and we respectfully submit to the Court that the proposition being in writing, the rules of evidence applicable to such papers must be followed in this case.

Mr. Smith. We have not proposed to have any contract in writing yet.

The Court. I don't think it is necessary.

By Mr. Reed: Q. Did you ever see Mr. Bailey in St. Louis? A. I did.

Q. When? A. Sometime last June.

Q. State how you met him there. A. He occupied my room in the St. Nicholas, in my absence.

Q. Where did you first see him? Where was he stopping? A. I don't know. I saw him in my room the first time in St. Louis.

Q. Under what circumstances? A. I don't know.

Q. Did you occupy the room first? A. Yes.

Q. At what hotel was this? A. The St. Nicholas.

Q. What did he say to you when he came there, in St. Louis, to that effect, I think, and that occupied my room in the St. Nicholas, in my absence?

Objected to.

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Q. What did he say to you when he came there, in St. Louis, about your land? A. He didn't say anything about the land. He said I was foolish. If I had followed his advice I could have sold my land.

Q. What, if anything, did he say to you about the city? A. He didn't say anything about the city.

Q. Now, I wish to call your attention, Mr. Goggin, to whether or not you did not, in Chicago, when the conversation with Bailey began, ask him how much was wanted? A. I never asked him any question.

Q. What, if anything, did he say to you here in Chicago, or in St. Louis, about whether some one would call on you in reference to it? A. Yes, sir. He said that the practice they had lately—that the Common Council had lately—was to appoint a Committee of three to investigate all such jobs, and they reported to the majority, and a Committee of one was generally to report the ultimatum to the parties. I asked him who he supposed would be sent to me, and he (Booney) Walsh would be sent to me (laughter.)

Q. Where was this? A. In St. Louis.

Q. Did he say anything to you,—did he mention the name of Alderman Clarke, in this connection? A. No.

Mr. Hervey. We object to that kind of examination.

Mr. Smith. It is perfectly legitimate.

Mr. Hervey. I ask for the opinion of the Court. The Court. I think any question of that kind must be avoided. Call attention to the subject matter.

Q. Did you ever meet a certain member of this Committee after you saw him in St. Louis? Did you ever meet Bailey in company with Alderman in the presence of Mr. Bailey? A. I did not.

Mr. Hervey. We object.

The Court. I think it is competent.

The witness. I did not; that is, if I did, I do not recollect it. I know there was no talk about my not [illegible] of the Committee.

Q. Was anything said to you by Bailey that some persons beside Walsh would call on you in relation to this. [Objected to.]

Q. He did not suggest any name? A. No, [objected to.]

Q. Was Alderman Walsh a member of the Council at that time? A. I believe he was.

Q. Did he act as such? A. Yes, sir.

Q. If I understood your testimony rightly, he said it would be Walsh who would call on you about this thing? A. He thought it would be him.

Q. Where was the conversation, in Chicago? A. The conversation was here, in a grocery store on Clark street.

Q. Whose? A. Evans', I think.

Q. On what street? A. Clark street.

Q. How soon after? A. It was on this (west) side of Clark street.

Mr. Hervey. It was No. 99 Washington street, in Larmon's block.

Q. And Mr. Walsh came to see you on this subject?

Mr. Hervey. We object to that.

The Court. I do not think it is proper.

Mr. Reed. There is one question I forgot. Did you state in your examination-in-chief to whether or not you did or not—whether Mr. Bailey named all the persons who had this matter in charge? A. He didn't name any of them.

Q. Did he speak of any? A. He said "suspected" that there was an unscrupulous lot in the Council.

Q. Did he give you the names of any of them? A. No. He thought I couldn't sell the lot without depositing $2,500. He did not know, but it was believed to. Although $2,500 is not found afterward a good deal more.

Cross-Examined by Mr. Van Arman: Q. What were your business relations with Mr. Bailey? Sat down there to bid on a contract in East St. Louis; bidding on a contract for paving the Stock Yards.

Q. What was he there for? A. I suspect that he was there to bid upon a hotel in the same place.

Q. You don't know that he was there to undertake jobs? A. I suspect he was. I understood he was there for that purpose.

Q. Then he came to him in the city before he came to your room? A. I did not.

Q. How did he come to your room—alone? A. I don't know that he came alone.

Q. It was in your absence? A. Yes, sir.

Mr. Van Arman. Now, if I understand you, in connection with the conversation in reference to the lot, what he said was this: That he suspected there was a lot of unscrupulous men in the Common Council—was? A. Yes, sir.

Q. You believe? A. Yes, sir.

Mr. Van Arman. And that they would require money? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did he, in the same conversation tell you that he did not require money to assist you? A. I don't think he did in connection with that.

Q. Did he before that tell you? A. I think he told me sometime, and I was under the impression with reference to the Common Council.

Q. Haven't you, yes, repeatedly, said that he never proposed to receive any money? A. I have repeatedly said that he never proposed to me and did not want any money himself.

Q. You have said so in the street? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Didn't he repeatedly tell you that he did not want any money? A. I have had very little conversation with him.

Q. You used to reside on North Franklin street, in this city, before the great fire? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long have you been residing in Chicago? A. About sixteen years.

Q. What has been your chief occupation during that period? A. These last ten years I have followed contracting.

Q. What description of contracting? A. Improving streets, and contracts generally.

Q. About how long? A. About ten years. Perhaps not quite that long.

Q. Do you know the defendant, Mr. Bailey? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long have you known him? A. Some time last spring, I think; perhaps last April.

Q. Where did you first become acquainted with him? A. I don't know, indeed; somewhere in the city.

Q. I will ask you whether you offered to sell any land to the city for school purposes? A. I did, sir.

Q. When was that? A. Some time about a year ago this winter.

Mr. Runyan. We object. The propositions are all in writing.

Mr. Reed. There was the land situated? A. Situated at the corner of Huron and Franklin streets.

Q. In the city of Chicago? A. Yes, sir.

Mr. Van Arman. Let me inquire, was the proposition you made to sell your land in writing or verbal? A. In writing.

Mr. Van Arman. Then we object.

Q. Do you know where the proposition is now? A. I guess it was consumed in the fire.

Mr. Reed. I anticipated this.

Mr. Goggin. I might find some papers of that date.

Q. When do you say you offered that land? A. Some time last year, this winter.

Mr. Hervey. We object to any evidence as to the offer until the contract is produced. Then its contents must be proved.

Mr. Smith. It is not a matter directly in issue. It is merely preliminary.

Mr. Reed. The gist of evidence are equally premptory. Have they proposed to show the contents of the written paper? They have indicted Alderman Bailey for proposing to receive, in his official action in the purchase, by the Common Council, of a certain described property for school purposes from the witness. Now, we say that *directly* in issue.

The proposition that Mr. Goggin made to the city. If Mr. Goggin did not propose to sell the property for school purposes, there could be no impropriety on the part of this defendant, or of anybody else. The prosecution is therefore bound to show the proposal to sell by the witness. They show that he made a proposition to sell, in writing, and we respectfully submit to the Court that, the proposition being in writing, the rules of evidence applicable to such papers must be followed in this case.

Mr. Smith. We have not proposed to have any contract in writing yet.

The Court. I don't think it is necessary.

By Mr. Reed: Q. Did you ever see Mr. Bailey in St. Louis? A. I did.

Q. When? A. Sometime last June.

Q. State how you met him there. A. He occupied my room in the St. Nicholas, in my absence.

Q. Where did you first see him? Where was he stopping? A. I don't know. I saw him in my room the first time in St. Louis.

Q. Under what circumstances? A. I don't know.

Q. Did you occupy the room first? A. Yes.

Q. At what hotel was this? A. The St. Nicholas.

Q. What did he say to you when he came there, in St. Louis, to that effect, I think, and that occupied my room in the St. Nicholas, in my absence?

Objected to.

Q. What did he say to you when he came there, in St. Louis, to that effect, I think, and that occupied my room in the St. Nicholas?

Q. What did he say to you about your land? A. He didn't say anything about the land. He said I was foolish. If I had followed his advice I could have sold my land

PRISON DISCIPLINE.

Annual Report of the National Association—The Classification of Prisoners, and Graded Prisons Recommended.

From the New York Tribune, Jan. 27.

The following is the substance of a report on Prison Discipline in the United States, which will be presented to-day at the first annual meeting of the National Prison Association:

From the best data obtainable, the whole prison population of the country may be estimated as ranging from 35,000 in July to 40,000 in February. Of this number, 16,000 are probably confined in forty State Prisons, while 12,000 are held under sentence in houses of correction, workhouses, district penitentiaries, and jails, and 8,000 are awaiting trial or are held as witnesses. All grades of criminality are represented, and the problem that occurs is to adapt the best system to the almost infinite variety of circumstances which present themselves in a country as heterogeneous as ours. To do this requires, principally, better-graded prisons and a more thorough classification of prisoners. The methods employed at present in the State Prisons are these: The old congregate system; the new congregate, or Auburn, or silent system, and the separate or Pennsylvania system. The Auburn system generally prevails, except in Pennsylvania. The old congregate system shall perish in a few State Prisons and in many of the ill-managed county prisons, and the consequences are that they are turned into hotbeds of vice, where the innocent and the convicted are indiscriminately mingled, even the sexes in some instances,—without employment, without books, or any means of diverting the mind from the horrible secret vices and crimes which bad treatment aggravates.

The city prisons, station-houses, and lockups, which annually contain more prisoners than all other prisons, are in a similar condition. They are the holes where petty official fraud and abuse hide and coquette with monstrous vice; they are the workshops of detectives, where felony is compounded and impunity is manufactured to order; and it is time that the work of exposing and purifying them should be begun. A few of the county jails and most of the houses of correction, work-houses, and houses of industry, are conducted on the new congregate, or Auburn system, with modifications to suit the character of the prison officials. In this class of prisons, however, the greatest improvements in penal and reformatory discipline have recently been made, and were the laws amended so as to allow longer sentences to petty criminals, these establishments would show more gratifying results in every respect than those obtained in the State prisons. At the present time the best prisons in this grade are self supporting, and serve to prevent crime.

These persons which receive prisoners of the worst kind, and which are regarded as the most important, number about 40. This class includes establishments of the most diverse description, containing in some instances 1,000 convicts, and in others no less than 50. At most of these establishments the parents are employed within the walls, but in some of the Southern States the convicts have been employed on railroads at some distance from the prison. This mode of employment would be advantageous were it adopted as in Ireland, in connection with a well-graded system of promoting the prisoners until they should be prepared for their final discharge. At present the number of State Prison convicts is decreasing in the Northeastern States, but increasing rapidly in the North and West. The average number of prisoners in the State Prisons is estimated at 16,000,and, with the exception of about 700 in Philadelphia, are governed under the Auburn system. Although in nearly all the States provision is made for shortening the sentence of the prisoner for good behavior, no opportunity is given for classification, and education is greatly neglected. Several of the State Prisons are self-sustaining, and seven others nearly so. The revenue derived from the labor of convicts is not of much importance compared with the judicious treatment, but it is proper to say that a large minority are can readily be made self-sustaining, under a larger ones cannot. At the same time all the influences of a prison of less than 500 convicts are more favorable to the reformation of its inmates than the influences of establishments like Sing Sing. It would, therefore, be better for a State to build a new prison when its convicts exceed 500 in number than to enlarge old prisons. The method of conditional pardons, by which the increase in numbers might be regulated, should be adopted.

It is the duty of prison managers in the United States to adopt the main features of the Irish system without delay. Every State needs an Inspector, or Commission of Inspectors, having access to and supervision over prisons of all grades. Such an Inspector would report to the Legislature the actual defects and necessities of the prison system of each State. There could obtain a comprehensive view of the whole field of action, and recommend such changes as would correct the standing abuses of the present system.

THE MURDER OF PROFESSOR PANORMO.

The Case Still Shrouded in Mystery—Startling Testimony at the Coroner's Inquest—Three Men Arrested on Suspicion.

From the New York World, Jan. 27.

The Panormo murder is still a mystery to everybody in Brooklyn. Chief of Police Campbell and his detectives, and Captain Fowler of the Fourth Precinct, with a squad of picked men, are hard at work night and night trying to unravel the mystery, but thus far with little success. Panormo was murdered in Park avenue, near Oxford street, and no one will tell by whom. The pool of blood still stains the sidewalk in front of a dark house, where the foul deed was done, but this is absolutely all that is known about it. On Thursday night Detective Corry and a *posse* of police scoured the low dens of the district, and finally arrested James McLaughlin in a tenement in Hudson avenue, John Gilroy in Raymond street, and Jos. Kilmond, all of whom are put down in police vocabulary as hard cases. The three men arrested bear a hard look, and McLaughlin has but recently been liberated from the State Prison, where he served a term of ten years. Gilroy was once in jail for manslaughter, and their associate is of the same class. Professor Panormo was well robbed in Myrtle avenue a few weeks ago, proceeded to the accused as the men who robbed him. The police say that they have the right men.

The funeral of the deceased was held at Mrs. Snow's boarding-house, corner of Pineapple and Fulton streets, yesterday. The evidence is as follows:

Mrs. Snow, being sworn, said: My name is Sarah A. Snow; I live at No. 108 Pineapple street. I keep a boarding house there; I knew the deceased; he had been boarding with me for over four years; when he was murdered he had not been to my house; I have found in his room a strange man in the house; he called to me; I went away without an overcoat that night; I didn't see him again until he returned home; when he went out he spoke and asked me how he looked; I noticed that my attention was attracted by his lively appearance; I noticed it so much that I made a remark to my daughter to the effect that Professor appeared to be in good spirits, and I ascribed it to the success of the concert; I was not at home when he returned; I was at New York; when I returned deceased was in my house. I saw the corpse in the parlor; he seemed to be conscious of a strange man in the room; I found it at 12:30o'clock last night in the front parlor; there the body of the deceased lay; he viewed the body; I could not put it over his face; I was changing my dress at the time he died, but when I came down into the sitting-room I found my wife all lacerated, and told me there was a strange man in the house; I immediately threw open the folding doors and asked him what he was the undertaker; he said "No;" I said, "Are you the undertaker?" he replied, "No;" I called him forward me—for he never turned when he spoke—he was a friend—and questioned him; he said something about a bath, which I did not understand, and said he had asked for a bath; I took upon the body, as he was going out of town early in the morning, and could not attend the funeral; he entered with me the knowledge of my family; I lit the gas in the hallway and looked at him, and I don't think he was exactly sober; I saw him to the door, and closed it after him.

By a juror—How did he know where the body was? A. When he came in a couple of people had got to be had last night ran against him in the hall, and he said he wanted to view the body, and passed right on; the man said he had been in the room in the afternoon; he had a pocket-book.

Mary Ann Snow sworn, said: I reside with last witness, who is my mother; I saw Mr. Panormo but before he left the house; I asked him when he got home it was 12 o'clock; he did not tell me so, but they had taken his watch; I asked him when he came home; I was called to see him as my sister and servants; I found him in the sitting-room; I went into the room he was sitting on the sofa; his face was covered with blood—could not get on it; I ran to him and took off a handkerchief which was saturated with blood—about 15 minutes in his hand; the coroner's physician was right hand; I asked him what was the matter with him; he said, "I have been attacked;" I asked him where; he said, "Please don't ask me;" he laid his head on my shoulder; I asked him who was going to faint, and a gentleman behind me said to me, "Madam, I am a doctor;" another gentleman for the doctor; I sent him word by Mary Ann; he got better at about 10:30, and I found him in the parlor dead; I saw a mark on his forehead; I asked him where he was attacked; he said, "From No. 41 Gammon street;" I have known of my deceased boarder as well as effort for him to conform; my brother always was good to him; I have known several visitors at our house, but never observed anything pass between them; I have seen Dr. Hattie Pierce testified, I reside at No. 43 Myrtle avenue; I found in my mother; I have been taking tea with deceased; he called to see me on Tuesday night; he was in a hack; I was in a hack when he called; I did not know him; he was in the hack; I got out; I did not see him again; I went home; I had sold; I drew him without an overcoat that night; I didn't see him again until he returned home; when he went out he spoke and asked me how he looked; I noticed that my attention was attracted by his lively appearance; I noticed it so much that I made a remark to my daughter to the effect that Professor appeared to be in good spirits, and I ascribed it to the success of the concert; I was not at home when he returned; I was at New York; when I returned deceased was in my house. I saw the corpse in the parlor; he seemed to be conscious of a strange man in the room; I found it at 12:30o'clock last night in the front parlor; there the body of the deceased lay; he viewed the body; I could not put it over his face; I was changing my dress at the time he died, but when I came down into the sitting-room I found my wife all lacerated, and told me there was a strange man in the house; I immediately threw open the folding doors and asked him what he was the undertaker; he said "No;" I said, "Are you the undertaker?" he replied, "No;" I called him forward me—for he never turned when he spoke—he was a friend—and questioned him; he said something about a bath, which I did not understand, and said he had asked for a bath; I took upon the body, as he was going out of town early in the morning, and could not attend the funeral; he entered with me the knowledge of my family; I lit the gas in the hallway and looked at him, and I don't think he was exactly sober; I saw him to the door, and closed it after him.

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THE BILLS TO SETTLE LAND TITLES.

In acting upon the several bills proposed for relieving the land titles in Chicago from the cloud supposed to be cast upon them by the destruction of the records, the Legislature may safely assume certain leading propositions as indisputable. However desirable it might be to empower the Courts to enter some decree which would place every real-estate owner in a position to convey or mortgage his property with a title as clear to the buyer or mortgagee as he had before the fire, such a task is as impossible in the nature of things as it would be for the Courts to restore by decree the buildings themselves. One fact must be accepted as part of the situation in which we are left by the fire, viz.: that the best that can now be done is to furnish each owner with a decree which will be an inferior substitute for the muniments of title which he possessed before the fire. Attempts to give him a better title than he had before the fire, by cutting off the rights of adverse claimants, infants, married women, lunatics, mortgagees, judgment liens, &c., without notice to them and without an actual (not merely constructive) opportunity to appear in Court and prevent the confiscation of their property, are mere covers for land-stealing. With whatever zeal they may be pressed, they aim as an object wholly distinct from that of providing the land-owners with a substitute for the destroyed records. They tend to make the destruction of the records the basis of schemes by which some may get without paying for it that which before the fire they did not own.

If, before the fire, the records showed that a certain lot was held by A., by a warrantee deed, subject to a recorded mortgage to B, an infant 2 years old, residing in Boston, the Legislature should pass no act to enable A to obtain a decree for a title free of the mortgage; for its obligation to protect owners from loss by the destruction of the records applies as much to the holders of recorded mortgages, leases, or judgments, as to the holders of deeds, and as well to those who hold by descent as to those who hold by will or by deed. It might be ingeniously argued that necessity now requires us to allow a general grab to be made by those who are on hand and wide-awake, as against all others, so that the property of the inexperienced, the absent, or the defenceless may be divided among those who are on the watch for it. This would only complicate our titles, the evidences of which are now deficient, by flooding them with a mass of fraudulent decrees and sinister litigation which would do far more than the fire itself to embarrass the future business of conveying and mortgaging land. In short, we do not want to offer a premium to sharpers to grab what they do not own, and to complicate titles by spreading over them a new cloud in the form of a decree obtained by fraud, mistake, perjury, or want of notice to the actual owners.

For it must be conceded, in advance, that any decree of title that the Courts may be authorized to render must be liable to be opened for the same reasons of fraud, perjury, or mistake as the ordinary decrees of the Courts may be opened. We suppose no Legislature would pass a law providing that a decree of title obtained from a Court by fraud, perjury, or mistake, and without the knowledge of the true owner, should be valid against the true owner. Moreover, there is no doubt that the ordinary rule of law applying to titles obtained by statutory proceeding, viz.: that any irregularity in the proceeding vitiates the title, would have to apply to decrees of title obtained under any of the proposed acts.

Yet it is conceded by all lawyers that something shorter, cheaper, and more effective than the antiquated chancery proceeding, to perpetuate testimony concerning title to real estate, is required. A fair opportunity must be given to real-estate owners to notify all the world that they claim certain property as theirs, and to obtain a decree of the Court that it is theirs, which shall be made with reasonable prudence and sufficient certainty to become a proof of title acceptable to all purchasers and lenders on mortgage. For this purpose, the petitioner should be required to state every fact he knows concerning the chain of title, and the names of such persons as he believes have any additional knowledge concerning it, and concerning encumbrances, or adverse claims, and concerning present and past possession of the property, and of the deeds and other evidences of title, so as to enable the Court to determine what parties interested shall be notified by personal service,—and what by publication of the notice, the rule being, as in other proceedings, that all parties in possession or interested and resident in the State should be personally served, and all non-residents served by publication and mailing, if their residences can be ascertained. The Courts should protect the rights of minors and other persons under disability so as to bind their interests wherever they are made parties, and should in all respects proceed as a Court of Equity, and not as a drumhead court-martial.

The steps above indicated, however, would generally enable a Court to render a decree so circumstantial and elaborate that it would amount in itself to a judicially-certified abstract of the title to the property, in which the proof of the facts and the decision and dignity of the Court would reinforce each other, and shut out the suggestion of fraud. The work would involve some expense; but each property-holder could decide for himself whether he would incur it or not, and voluntary expenses seldom produce complaint. Within what time a decree so rendered might be opened by any person competent to sue, or whether, after a certain time, say three years even, persons incompetent to sue should be cut off, are questions which the Legislature will gravely consider. An act so framed and administered, under the eye of such Judges as honor the Bench of Cook County, would do nothing to increase, and the utmost possible to lessen, the evils inflicted by the fire upon our titles to real estate.

The London *Saturday Review* of Jan. 6 contains a savage assault upon the American case against Great Britain, to be presented to the Geneva Tribunal of Arbitration, basing its tenacity upon the assumption that the United States is going to demand an indemnity of England for the entire expense of the late war of the rebellion. It deems the "case" a purely impertinent affront, and demands that the English agents shall withdraw from a tribunal which will condescend even to entertain such a monstrous proposition. In comparison with which "the most hostile and the most scornful of Prince Bismarck's communications to the French Government are courteous and friendly." The proposition to withdraw from an arbitration to which it has consented is not altogether characteristic of "perfidious Albion," but, before the British Lion allows his fury to become utterly ungovernable, it would at least be consistent for that animal to ascertain whether the cause is sufficient for this display of violence. The *Saturday Review* styles the American "case" an indictment against England. *It*, then, the indictment is made, and the case is pending, all that the defendant has to do is to await the decision of the Court. It is not proper to prejudice the case while it is on trial, neither is it proper to bring a Court into contempt which the defendant has accepted as an impartial adjudicator. After the verdict is rendered, it will be in order for the English Lion to growl his loudest, if he is dissatisfied, but until that time he should possess his Royal soul in patience, for, perhaps, after all, it is simple reparation for actual losses, and not consequential damages, that the United States ask for. In any event, this bluster and bravado, to affect the decision of an International Court, is unseemly, to say the least.

THE GERMAN WORKINGMEN AND THE FIRE-ORDINANCE.

The Sunday meeting of German workingmen, to discuss the fire-ordinance, was certainly a remarkable one in all its aspects. Mr. Hesing himself had the good sense not to put in an appearance, but probably inspired the speeches and subsequent action of the meeting, as their drift throughout was not a discussion of the merits of the fire-ordinance so much as an effort to sustain the riotous crew who broke up the recent meeting of the Common Council. The failure of the Grand Jury to indict the rioters has evidently emboldened this meeting to endorse the conduct of the mob, and to virtually express the determination to repeat that high-handed outrage when circumstances are favorable.

The resolutions are three in number. The first fully endorses everything done by the residents of the North Side and by Mr. Hesing in opposition to the fire-ordinance now pending in the Common Council. There is no mistaking the language of this resolution. It contains no exceptions whatever. It covers the whole field, and it is a very wide field, too. It not only asserts that the Germans had the rights of the question in relation to the location of the fire-limits, but it goes further than this, and insists that the Germans were right in their manner of opposition to the proposed ordinance. It endorses the forming of a turbulent procession, marching with a foreign flag at its head, and transparencies and effigies borne by each division, threatening violence to the municipal authorities. It endorses the right of those disorderly persons to break down the doors of the Council Chamber, and, under cover of a Prussian banner, rush in pell-mell, and, taking possession of the apartment, drive out those to whose use it is devoted. It endorses the assault upon and wounding of police officers, and the destruction of city property. Summed up, it defies law-makers, and authorizes the violation of law when the violators have the power in their hands. Such a resolution as this is only another direct threat to intimidate the Common Council from legislating for the best interests of the city at large—even for its future salvation.

The third resolution puts this threat in process of application, by pledging those who passed it to act with all other citizens in making effective the principles declared in the first. We have already seen what these principles are, and that they involve the right of being a law unto one's self; the right of each man to make his own laws and to violate with impunity the acts framed by the legally-constituted law-makers. Encouraged by immunity from punishment in the first attack upon law, the law-breakers now declare themselves ready to repeat the offence, and invite other nationalities to cooperate with them. The authorities, however, will not be surprised a second time. Force will be met with force. No Alderman will be intimidated from the performance of his duty a second time, and the adoptors of the seditious tiouse resolutions may learn, when it is too late, that their own inconsiderate action has fastened upon them a fire-ordinance more stringent than it would have been had they sought to influence legislation in a legitimate manner.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM IN ALABAMA.

Two years ago, Senator Spencer, of Alabama, had control of the Federal appointments in that State, and, those officers being adverse to the re-election of Senator Warner, a Democratic Legislature and Governor were elected, though all the rest of the Republican State ticket had a large majority. In time, a Democrat was elected in place of Warner. Shortly afterward, Senator Spencer, by some act, forfeited his control of the Federal appointments in Alabama, and all his friends were removed; and, by some sort of retributive justice, ex-Senator Warner was made Collector of the Port of Mobile, the most profitable office in the State. Warner's nomination has been hanging fire in the Senate ever since, until, within a few days, when it was withdrawn. The following, from our Washington despatches of yesterday, tells the rest of the story:

> Spencer, of Alabama, announces to his friends that the withdrawal of Warner as Collector of Mobile will enure to his benefit (Spencer's) on return to the Senate for six years. It will enable him to control fifty-eight appointments, of more value than all the rest of the Federal patronage in the State.

To those who have doubted the necessity of a reform in the Civil Service, this item will prove instructive. It is a confirmation of the fact reported by the Civil Service Commission, that the appointing power vested in the Executive has been forced from him, and usurped by members of Congress of both Houses, making "the President and Secretaries merely the appointment clerks of Congress, from which body the Constitution carefully withholds the appointing power." The Commission further said: "Thus it is not denied that the chief national appointments in the several States are now really made, not by the President and Senate, but at the pleasure of the Senators from the State in which the office is to be filled." The case in Alabama is directly confirmatory of these statements. All regard for the public service is lost sight of, and the appointing power is delegated to defeat the popular will and force the reelection of Senators who otherwise would be defeated. The public interests are put out of sight altogether, and Senator Spencer is allowed fifty-eight Federal appointments in the State of Alabama to enable him, by the aid of that many personal strikers, to pack a Legislature to re-elect him. This system, as notoriously illustrated to the person and knowledge of the whole Senate, has been recently proclaimed to be the best Civil Service system in the world.

What has been done in Alabama has been, or is likely to be, done in every other State. It is notorious that the Federal appointments in the State of New York have been for a long time controlled in the interest of that one of the Senators whose term expires first, and to accomplish his re-election; and considerations of competency, efficiency, and personal integrity of the officers appointed are made subordinate. When these cases of New York and Alabama are multiplied by the large number of Representatives who have no hope of a re-election save through the mere or less corrupt efforts of the Federal office-holders in their districts, the public will understand the extent of the abomination and the measure of the national disgrace. The evils of this system are not confined to the filling of Federal offices with the mere personal followers or supporters of men in Congress. These office-holders hold their places, and are protected in their unfitness, incompetency, and, oftentimes, dishonesty, by their Congressional patrons. But the reciprocal duty—the price for which they obtain their places—is shown in the character of the men who obtain and hold seats in both Houses of Congress by the use of such agencies. A reform in the Civil Service that would restore the appointing power to the Executive, and take it away from the usurping Congressmen, would be followed by a healthful improvement of Congress. Men of ability and character would become candidates, and, conventions being no longer packed and controlled or purchasable by Federal patronage used by the incumbent, the people will be free to elect the best men, and men who will neither bargain their votes for offices, nor withhold their votes to compel an Administration to comply with their demands.

There is again a disposition upon the part of some of the members of the State Legislature to tinker the new Temperance bill. The latest attempt is made by Mr. Morrill, of the House, who has offered a supplemental bill providing that the law shall not apply to native Illinois wine, ale, beer, or cider. We do not know the grounds upon which Mr. Morrill proposes to except these beverages, unless it be on the usual plea that they are not intoxicating. But if they are not intoxicating, then the law does not apply to them, and there is no danger of any damages arising from their use either to the saloon-keeper or to the owner of the property upon which the saloon is located. On the other hand, if they are intoxicating, then they ought clearly to be kept within the provisions of the bill. In either event, the House acted wisely in refusing to refer the quotation to a Select Committee, as Mr. Morrill desired, and sending it to the Temperance Committee, where it will receive its quietus. The bill cannot be improved, and any attempt to tinker it will only result in impairing its efficiency. As the bill stands, it is eminently popular, and there could not be an instrument framed which would give greater satisfaction at the same time to temperance men, drinkers, and sellers. The House will do well in future to make the same disposition of every attempt to add to or take from the powers of the law until it has been tried. It is good enough to be let alone.

OUR NAVY.

The bill offered by Mr. Banks to authorize the construction of twenty new sloops-of-war, shows that at last some one in Washington is waking up to the realization that we have a great many vessels but no navy; that we have twenty light-draught monitors, built at a cost of $11,000,000, which are good for nothing, mainly because they do not float long enough to go to sea, and are a dead loss to the country because no one will buy them except for old iron; and that the larger number of the vessels in the navy are of no practical account, because they are too much decayed to make a long cruise. The Chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair, in his last report, dated Oct. 26, 1871, says:

> In reporting the condition of the iron-clad vessels, very little can be said in their favor. Forty of the 53 vessels are of less than 550 tons measurement; cannot carry a modern battery; have very little speed, consequently cannot be of much use in fighting an enemy in an offing or in protecting a harbor. They were built in violation of established principles of naval architecture; have been of no practical service to the country, unless their name of iron-clad has agreed to frighten the world. The deck-beams of most all of the small class are very much decayed, but it is not advisable to replace the rotten beams with iron, except in reaching an unfavorable point in their service. Four of the largest class, built in the navy-yard of white oak, are now on the stocks, two of which are to be completed, and the others repaired, and should be broken up.

It is not considered good policy for this Government to build large iron-clad vessels at the present time, inasmuch as endurance may be obtained in vessels carrying few guns of heavy armor, and it will be well to wait the experience of those Governments who are obliged to spend money in the investigation of whether vessels shall be iron-clad or not; the improvement in ordnance tending to raise that question.

The above mortifying admission tells the whole story, and, in view of its disclosures, and the immense sums of money which have been squandered to produce such results, Congress should at least act intelligently, if it is going to act at all. We have lately had all sorts of rumors of rupture with Spain and Russia, and now Venezuela looms up in the distance as a speck of war. With these constantly-recurring liabilities to get into trouble with our neighbors, it is, of course, necessary that our Navy Department should be waked up, and kept awake. But, before we commence launching out into more expense for our navy, let us at least know what we are about. Too much money has already been thrown away to waste any more. It is certainly very remarkable that our ship-builders, who succeed in constructing the finest merchant service in the world, cannot produce a naval service. If we are to have more vessels of war, let the Navy Department, if it can keep awake long enough, insist that naval architecture, ability to float, and capacity to carry men, stores, and guns—shall constitute some of the features of this new increase. If the Department is going into naval construction helter-skelter, as before, awarding contracts to ignoramuses, adopting every new theory of every dabbler in the business, and throwing away money on iron rafts that are only sure to keep above water by being moored to a dock, then we had better stop where we are, and not take any marine risks in future.

PENSION FRAUDS.

The House of Representatives, last week passed a bill appropriating nearly $30,000,000 for the payment of pensions during the next fiscal year. It was stated to the Committee of Congress, by the Secretary of the Interior, in the course of proof from Commissioner of Pensions, and the statement was formally made to the House by General Garfield,—that one-fourth of the pensions now paid by the Government were frauds. This statement certainly deserves consideration and investigation. There are thousands of cases pending before the Departments wherein pensions are claimed, but which have to wait for their turn in the examination. Three-fourths of these, it may be assumed, are honest, yet they have been postponed, and the money rightfully payable to the claimants paid over at the rate of eight or nine millions of dollars annually to the impostors who have, by perjury and the carelessness of the Federal agents, been able to become pensioners. No fraud is so successful as that of getting on the pension roll. Once on the roll, the danger of a discovery of the fraud is very remote. These frauds are practised by skilful operators. An agent will fill a thousand applications, one-tenth of which will be honest. It is a notorious fact that the evidence in cases of fraud is generally more complete than in the honest cases. The manufacturer of bogus pension claims knows precisely the amount of proof necessary to meet the requirements of the law and of the regulations. A thousand pension claims, at an average of $100 a year each, will amply pay the trouble and expense of preparing the papers, and getting all the medical and surgical certificates. A single year's pension will justify the manufacturer in leaving his accomplices in the full enjoyment of the spoils thereafter. But the fact is, that these procurers of pensions continue in thousands of cases to share the money with the pensioners, or to draw the whole sum. It is a disgrace that the national bounty should be abused, and the Treasury robbed, and no steps taken either to detect the fraud or to purge the lists. A bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives, changing the mode of paying pensions, and, instead of having one or two Pension Agents in a State, to have them paid by the Postmaster at each county seat. This would, it is claimed, by reducing the number of persons to be paid at each agency, enable the agent personally to understand the circumstances of each case, and to detect any imposture or fraud that may be practised. Another plan is to transfer the payment of pensions to army officers, detailed for that purpose, with the additional duty of investigating each case, and, wherever an imposture has been practised, to report the fact to the Department. According to General Garfield's statement, over eight millions of dollars are drawn annually from the Treasury to pay fraudulent pensions. The expense of an examination by a Board of military officers in each State would not equal one-half of one year's interest on this sum; and, besides saving this immense sum, would lead to the discovery and punishment of those who have practised this scheme of public robbery.

Congress is perpetually tinkering at the Pension law, and forever passing special acts. During the last few years it has weakly yielded to the demands of an organization of claim-agents for an extension of pensions to all manner of persons. These acts are not for the benefit of deserving pensioners, but for the benefit of these agents. Under one of the recent acts, nearly 100,000 claims were filed, from which the claim-agents will reap, directly or indirectly, over two millions of dollars, and yet another bill is now pending which, if it passes, will add $15,000,000 annually to the pay-roll, of which the claim-agents will draw one-third.

Attention is called to a card from the Chicago Relief and Aid Society, published in another part of this paper. It will be seen that, owing to building operations being retarded by the inclemency of the weather, there is at present a surplus of labor in the city; and, as workingmen are coming here in considerable numbers, many of them, being unable to get employment and being without funds, find it necessary to apply to the Society for assistance (there were eighty such cases, we are informed, last Saturday),—thus throwing upon it quite an addition to the heavy burden it is legitimately bearing. Upon the advent of spring, the present state of affairs will undoubtedly be altered; avenues of labor will be opened to thousands; and our people will hail with pleasure the accession of any number of good workmen from abroad. It is calculated that two months must elapse, however, before such a change shall occur; and, during that period, mechanics and laborers in other parts of the country, who are destitute of means, will best consult their interests by remaining away from Chicago.

From the published reports of the United States Commissioner of Education, it appears that there are 5,643,326 persons in the United States who can neither read nor write. Of these, 743,493 are white voters. New York holds the bad eminence of having more illiterate white voters than any other State,—72,501. Illinois, with 49,801, is fifth on the list. Of the whole number of the uneducated, 2,824,887 (nearly seven-twelfths) are women. At this rate, the success of the woman-suffrage movement would add to the voting population 1,040,790 white persons unable to read and write, and probably nearly as many, if not more, colored women in the same deplorable condition. This is a bad showing. The aggregate of minor illiterates (those between 10 and 21 years) is 2,005,112, of whom 1,098,144 are in the Southern States. North Carolina heads the list, with 229,169. In the North, Ohio occupies the same position, with 47,654. The figures show the necessity of energetic endeavor to provide schools and school-teachers, and, if need be, pupils. The subject has attracted much attention in Congress, and the Committee on Education and Labor has agreed to report favorably Mr. Perce's Educational bill. This proposes to devote the net proceeds of the sales of public lands to maintaining public schools,—one-half of the sum to be a Perpetual National Education Fund, and the other half to be distributed among the States and Territories on the basis of population. To entitle any State or Territory to its quota, it must provide by law for the free education of all its children between the ages of 6 and 16. During the first year, one-half the sum may be devoted to a Normal School, but afterwards not more than one-tenth. Cities of over 50,000 inhabitants cannot be aided in this way. The several States are left perfectly free to establish whatever grades of schools they may think best, and to have whatever studies they wish taught in them. The *Nation* of the 27th inst. praises the bill in general, but brings forward three well-founded objections: It thinks that the benefits of the Fund should not be confined to places of less than 50,000 inhabitants, but should be universal; that a special provision should be inserted, by which no ecclesiastical, corporate, or private school should receive aid; and that aid should be given to any locality only when people resident there have raised a certain proportionate sum for purposes of education. When we consider that our large cities are very hot-beds of ignorance, the unwisdom of refusing them aid, which less needy places are freely given, is apparent. The experience of Great Britain, within the past year, is a sufficient proof of the necessity of guarding against the appropriation of the Fund to sectarian schools, and the great importance of securing the hearty support of those whom the schools benefit can scarcely be overestimated.

In 1866, the Hon. George J. Bamler was a member of the New York Assembly, from Buffalo. In the summer of that year he went abroad, and, on his return, he decided that a serenade would be a fitting token of his constituents' joy, and deputed his brother John to get one up. John, with the aid of Sheriff Darcy, did so. George was duly serenaded, and appeared upon his steps in time to receive Mr. Darcy's assurances, in behalf of a grateful constituency, that the Hon. George J. Bamler was as the apple of their eye, etc., etc. That gentleman, although completely taken by surprise, made a pleasant speech, and invited the serenaders to walk in, which they did forthwith, and, after the usual ceremonies, left. So far, so good. The arrangement was that Mr. Darcy was to pay the band, and so cancel a debt of $25 due from him to the serenaded Assemblyman. A few weeks ago, the Hon. G. J. Bamler demanded the amount of the debt. It was refused. Suit was brought, and last Wednesday, despite a full *expose* of the whole matter, judgment was given for the plaintiff; so that he managed, after all, to get his serenade without paying for it.

The great "watchmaking" school of history, which Prentis inaugurated by showing that Mary, Queen of Scots, was "a vixen and worse," and Henry VIII. an amiable monarch, whose only failing was a weakness for wives, has led to its legitimate result by producing a reaction, which, not content with blackening character indiscriminately, is killing off, one by one, even the memories of bygone heroes, by proving that they never existed. The last victim is Lycurgus, and his slayer is a certain Herr Frieber, in the preface to a book on Sparta. The disproportion between the means he drew for and the cargoes he sent, joined with the complaints of merchants whose bribes had been taken and no return given therefor, caused M. Victor Place to be summoned to Paris, which place he left last Friday for a prison, where he is to spend the next two years, and pay the State 2,000 francs for his support.

The Senate of Virginia has refused, by a vote of 8 to 21, to repeal the law punishing petty convicts by the lash. The whipping of women for petty offences is by no means an uncommon thing in Virginia. Every county and city has its post, its thongs, and its whipper.

A queer instance of ecclesiastical arrogance comes to us from across the ocean. A few days ago, the Scotch Free Presbytery of Forfar was holding its annual meeting, and the Moderator became incensed at some charges brought against him by one of the clergy. He threatened, if the offender did not at once retract them, to "deliver him over to utter condemnation." No answer was made, and this humble follower of God's Anointed left the Philadelphia Convention that nominated General Taylor for President, and appointed Elihu Washburne delegate to that Convention. When, in the organization, it came to the election of a Secretary, Judge Bond, of Maryland, the Chairman, arose and said that the Ohio delegation had a young man in it whom he thought competent for that post. If elected, it would probably be the only official position he would ever hold, as, he said, he hailed from a hopelessly Democratic district. He was unanimously chosen. A delegate from Indiana nominated a young man from that State for Assistant Secretary, and made a similar speech concerning him. Before he was chosen, Schuyler Colfax and John Sherman met each other and shook hands, for the first time, at the Secretary's desk.

—Governor Caldwell, of North Carolina, has published an address to the colored people of his State, and it has been indorsed by the Republican members of the Legislature, advising them not to yield to the entreaties of those who are endeavoring to persuade them to emigrate to other States, and saying to them: "I feel satisfied that there is no better place under the sun than North Carolina for the honest, industrious colored man and woman. Thousands of acres of as fertile land as can be found anywhere are embraced within our limits. Good health abounds here to as great an extent as in any State of the Union. The Ku-Klux Klans having been suppressed, good order and quietude will soon, if it does not now, reign supreme in our midst. Labor is as much needed here as anywhere else."

—A resolution looking toward compensation by the United States Government for the emancipation of the slaves was lately introduced in the Georgia Senate. It was referred to a Committee, which, in due time, reported the following preamble and resolution, which the Senate passed by a vote of 31 to 5:

> WHEREAS, The war lately waged by the United States Government against the Confederate States was, from the beginning of the year 1863 until the close of said war, carried on for the express purpose of emancipating the slaves, and, emancipation having been received and considered by all parties as a result of the war; therefore,
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> *Resolved*, That the Senate looks with disfavor upon the more remaining from the Republican side of the Chamber, having for its ostensible object the obtaining pay for emancipated slaves, that public opinion now here deems such a result possible, and that no good, but on the contrary, positive evil, would attend the agitation.

—The Hon. George R. Dennis, who has been elected to succeed the Hon. George Vickers as Senator from Maryland, for six years from the 4th of March, 1873, was born in 1822, in Worcester County, Md. He was State Senator in 1856, was in the Lower House in 1867, and last fall was again elected to the State Senate for a term of four years. He was one of the Delegates-at-Large for the State of Maryland at the Convention which nominated Seymour and Blair in 1868, in New York city, and was a Vice President of that body. Originally he was a physician, but for many years has devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. Before the war he was an old-line Whig. He is President of the Eastern Shore Railroad, and also a Director in the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

RAILROADS.

Shreveport, La., is to have the workshops of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

—The Traverse City Railroad, a branch of the Grand Rapids & Indiana, will be finished in August.

—The trade of the Milwaukee & Northern Railway has reached Union River, and progresses at the rate of three-fourths of a mile per day.

—There are 62 passenger trains in and out of the Boston and Albany station in Boston per day. With the regular and extra freight trains, there are nearly 100 trains in all a day.

—The Quantico Branch of the Richmond & Fredericksburg Railroad will be ready for travel in May. When completed there will be no transhipment of passengers or freight to steamer at Aquia Creek for Washington, but this will be done at Shipping Point. By this arrangement one hour's time will be saved between Richmond and Washington. Aquia Creek will be crossed by a trestle bridge, 1,060 feet in length.

—General Winslow, the new contractor of the Cairo & Vincennes Railroad, Colonel H. L. Marsh, Superintendent of construction, and Mr. Douglas, contractor to build the tunnel near Vincenna, have been in Mound City and Cairo lately, and, in conversation with citizens, have encouraged them greatly. They have assured them they have conversed with them that, within a few days, a large force will be at work along the entire length of the road, and that it will be finished by the 1st of November next. The Mound City *Journal* says the contractors are to have $600,000 per month to work with, which will be sufficient, to pay all the hands they will need, and the other necessary expenses for material, &c.

—Track-laying on the Chicago, Dubuque & Minnesota Railroad has not far advanced beyond McGregor, though its terminus is now somewhere between North McGregor and Waukon. Grading is finished to the State line, and is being carried into Minnesota. La Crescent is the point to be reached to make the route continuous to St. Paul. There it connects with the Chicago & St. Paul Road, which runs from there northward into the latter city. And there are now only twenty-three miles of grading to be done between the State line and La Crescent to have the way clear for putting down the iron. Wednesday afternoon, President Graves notified the Superintendent of the Chicago & St. Paul Road that the Chicago, Dubuque & Minnesota Road would meet them at La Crescent with the cars between the 1st and 15th of June next.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rutland, Vt., has English sparrows, for whom boxes have been placed in the shade-trees about the streets and private grounds.

—Natural gas from the Bloomfield well is been conveyed to the pipes in Rochester, N. Y.

—Some worthless dogs, at Leavenworth, have killed Dr. Hunon's full-blooded Cashmere goat, valued at $1,500.

—A Worcester (Mass.) policeman has been suspended from duty for kissing a pretty girl he was going home with—in his official capacity.

—The inhabitants of Westport, Conn., can hear the fog-whistle on Long Island shore, 30 miles away, in foggy weather.

—A very singular matrimonial case recently happened in Essex County, Va. A gentleman's second wife's two sons married his third wife's two daughters.

—The Cambridge young ladies refuse to accept courtesies involving an outlay of lucre from the Harvard men. They even insist upon paying for their tickets to the college assemblies.

—Knoxville, Tenn., is shipping Southward horses and mules in great numbers, for which there is an active demand throughout Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

—The saloon-keepers of Leavenworth have raised $200 to defeat any further legislation in the Kansas Legislature unfriendly to the sale of liquor.

—The manufacture of moccasins is an important branch of industry in Bangor, Me. The sales aggregate $200,000 per year, and the chief depots are New York, Chicago, St. Paul, and Philadelphia.

—A man in Danbury (Conn.) discovered that powder from a lard was good for boils. He tried it. The stove cover is in the second story now, though most all the rest of the stove has been collected. He was deceived in his lard, he says.

—A train of cars recently passed through the Shewangunk tunnel, on the Midland Railroad, in six minutes. This tunnel, which was commenced less than a year ago, is nearly 1,500 feet in length, 26 feet wide, and 20 feet high.

—The tobacco crop of the year in the Connecticut Valley has been a most remarkable one. The raisers have discovered that stable manure is the best fertilizer. The result is that all the arable land in demand, and instead of being sold, as it used to be, for 50 cents a load, it now brings $10 and $12 a cord. It is brought in large quantities from out of the State.

—A rat-catcher is now creating a sensation in Toronto. He professes to be able to mesmerize the loathsome vermin by a disagreeable smelling ointment. He is frequently in a maudlin condition, and often amuses himself by suspending his disgusting pets by their tails, and oscillating them in close proximity to the persons of females and children.

—The following notice was served upon a Northern school teacher in Texas recently, signed by some eight or ten of the larger boys, three of them between 17 and 20 years of age: "We, the undersigned, require you to treat to a bushel of pecans, five pounds of raisins, and three of candy. If you refuse we will put you in the deepest hole of water within one mile of the school house."

—A chambermaid in Bangor, while shaking a rug out of a second story window, lost her balance, turned a complete somersault, and came down to the ground with a rush. Astonishing to all who witnessed the fall, she jumped up, ran into the house, and resumed her work as if nothing had happened. And yet she is a Caucasian.

—Wheeling, Va., is moving for the erection of two nail mills. The Wheeling and Belmont Wine and Grape Growing Association offered to put their property just above Bridgeport into the stock of the company at $58,000, provided the balance of $200,000 should be subscribed in cash. Already a large amount of the remaining sum has been pledged. Wealthy capitalists have the matter in hand, and propose to push it through. An other company, having a similar project in view, has selected a site just above Martin's Ferry.

—An ingenious subject was before the Postmaster General the other day with a postage stamp that had on its adhesive side a taste of choice candy. One sort had chocolate, another orange, a third lemon, and so on through the list of popular sweetmeats. The inventor urged increased sales and waste that would come from this improvement. The Postmaster General reserved his decision as to the advisability of the Government buying out the confectionery business.

—Mr. H. N. Moseley, naturalist of the English Eclipse Expedition, says he found the Suez Canal "perfectly swarming with fish from one end to the other." Many specimens were taken with hand-lines close to Port Said, and in the middle of the Great Bitter Lake. They were all of one species, a sort of mullet. The mud brought up from the bottom of Great Bitter Lake by the dredges, on the contrary, was absolutely devoid of any traces of animal life.

—At a meeting of the Farmers' Club, held in Denver last week, a strong protest was made against the passage of the bill now pending in the Colorado Legislature, providing for the fencing in of growing crops. The resolutions state that 1 per cent of the cost of fencing will pay the expense of herding cattle to protect the crops, and enable the farmers to employ their means in other investments for the development of the country, while the capital expended in fences is dead property, requiring considerable annual expense for repairs.

—A New York letter has this note: "Poker playing is becoming a great nuisance on our Eastern thoroughfares of travel. Parties take a palace-car state-room, and disturb all the adjacent passengers as they grow boisterous and profane over their cards and wine. There are several noted poker-players belonging to the Democratic party in the State Legislature. One of them, of ten years' standing, is credited with $8,000, on an average, during every session, through poker-playing while en route to and from Albany on the cars.

—Near the towns of Washington and Palermo, in Maine, is a tract of land, 200 by 484 rods, known as Hibbard's Gore, containing some fifteen farm-houses, whose inhabitants, belonging to no town or plantation, pay no taxes, and cannot vote, and during the war were not annoyed by the draft. The origin of this happy land was, that, when the town line of Washington was run out, several poor families lived there, and the town authorities left it out, fearing they might add to their paupers. Palermo has never claimed it, and it has since become quite a settlement, and remains in perfect independence.

—Official reports show in Ohio an annual loss of $3,000,000 in sheep killed by dogs, and nearly $1,000,000 in injuries,—a loss equivalent to 4,000,000 pounds of wool, or a tax of 2 per cent upon the total sum invested in sheep in that State. It is said that in two years, from 1867 to 1869, Illinois sank from the sixth to the ninth rank among the States in the number and value of its sheep, and this great falling off is attributed to a proportionate increase in the number of dogs, and the lack of proper legislation to prevent their ravages among the sheep. The Legislature of Maryland is considering the same subject. The returns from five counties report over 1,100 sheep killed in one year by dogs.

—The Cheyenne *Leader* of Jan. 24 says: "The weather has been so severe at Sherman within the past three days that the men employed to clear the road could not be kept at their work more than a few minutes at a time. Neither money, threats, persuasion, or revolvers would avail to keep them out. The wind blows a hurricane all the time, and the thermometer ranges at from 15 to 20 degrees below zero. If the wind would subside, it is the opinion of railroad men that the road could be opened in 24 hours." At Cheyenne, on Tuesday afternoon, the wind sudden ly rose to a tempest. The air was densely filled with snow, which whirled and twisted in all directions. So dense was the mass of snow-flakes in the air, and so powerful and irresistible the wind, that one could not see a yard in advance, even on the sidewalks, where the street was sheltered by a continuous row of buildings. A person was liable to be lost in the most familiar localities, and some citizens who happened to be out lost their way within half a block of their own houses, one lady becoming bewildered when almost inside her own door-yard. The children at the public school had to be taken to their homes, as it would have been utterly impossible for them to have made their way alone through the storm. This terrible squall continued until after midnight. The morning was one of the coldest ever experienced in the city, the mercury indicating 30 degrees below zero.

COOK COUNTY AFFAIRS.

Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Awarding of Numerous Contracts for Printing, Stationery, etc.

The Statements of an "Irresponsible" Newspaper---Commissioner Harrison Denies and Explains.

Pursuant to adjournment the Board of County Commissioners met yesterday afternoon in the County Treasurer's office. There were present Commissioners Ashton, Crawford, Harris, Harrison, Herting, Hitchcock, Jones, Lonergan, Pahlman, Roello, and Stearns. Commissioner Ashton presided.

AN INVITATION TO ELGIN.

A communication was received from O. N. Holden, President of the Board of Trustees of the Northern Insane Asylum, inviting the Board to participate in an excursion of a Legislative Committee to that institution on Friday next, at 9 o'clock.

The invitation was accepted.

A REQUEST TO HURRY OUT.

A communication from the Board of Education was read, urging the speedy vacation of the High School building, and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

A REMAND FROM THE COUNTY AGENT.

A communication from Medical Superintendent Miller, requesting the appointment of an errand boy with a salary of $20 a month for the County Agent, was received and the recommendation concurred in.

A REMINDER.

A communication from E. L. Lane, asking the Board to take some action on his application for an exchange of a burnt bond, made in December, was received, and on motion referred to the Finance Committee.

AWARDING A SUBURBAN STREET.

A petition from the owners of Washington Heights subdivision, relative to the opening of a street, published heretofore in THE TRIBUNE, endorsed by their town officers, was presented and referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

THE REST OF THE CONTRACTS.

The report of the Joint Committee on awarding contracts for supplies was continued with the following recommendations, that the contracts be awarded to the lowest bidder: To Epstein, the contract for boots and shoes; to the *Chicago Legal News* Company, for printing blanks for the Clerk of the Circuit Court; to Bonsal, Rehnke & Co., the contract for stationery, printing, and books for the County Treasurer's office; to Cameron & Amberg, the contract for furnishing supplies of printing, stationery, and books for the Probate Court and County Clerk's office; to Stuart, Brown & Co., the contract for printing and blanks for the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court; to Cameron & Amberg, the contract for stationery, and books for the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court.

The Committee recommended that the Clerk of the Board be authorized to draw up the necessary contracts and bonds.

THE FORM OF THE CONTRACTS.

Commissioner Stearns offered the following amendment:

Resolved, That the Committee be required to make all contracts so as to require all the names of individual members of firms to be described and sign such contract.

AN IRRESPONSIBLE NEWSPAPER.

Commissioner Harrison rose to defend himself against certain charges against the Committee printed in a certain disreputable newspaper, that a member of the Committee was a silent member of one of the firms to whom a contract was awarded. He did not agree with some of the members as regards the influence of the newspapers. They were the advance guard of the people, and the redeemers of the Municipal

THE LAW COURTS.

Defeat of One of the Senior Gazette's Land-Grabbing Schemes.

Sergeant O'Donnell Objects to Being Called a Pickpocket.

Circuit Court.

THE KINGSBURY ESTATE.

In the case of Henry W. Kingsbury against Ambrose E. Buzzell and others, a decree was entered confirming the report of Commissioners making partition of the property involved in the suit recently decided by the Supreme Court, and being part of the Kingsbury estate.

THE GAZETTE LAND CLAIM.

In the case of Silas B. Gazette and others against Charles M. Smith and others, a decree was entered dismissing the bill for want of equity. This is one of the numerous Gazette-Beaubien land claims. The bill was filed for an injunction to restrain defendants from committing a trespass on the north ½ the southeast ¼ and east ½ of the northeast ¼ of Section 13 Township 39 north, Range 13.

SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE.

A bill was filed by Edmund J. Scarrer and another against Frederick A. Weaco to enforce the specific performance of a contract for the sale of Lot 32 in the partition of owners of the quarter-section of Section 15 Township 38 north, Range 14. The consideration was $16,000.

GRANGER'S LEDGE.

The case of Fallam & Lashaer against Francis Larned was restored. This is a petition for a mechanic's lien on the south 50 feet of the north 66 feet of Lot 67, Assessor's Subdivision of Block 5, Southwest ¼ of Section 22, Township 39 north, Range 14.

SERGEANT O'DONNELL INDULGES IN A SLANDER SUIT.

An action of trespass on the case was commenced by Simon O'Donnell against James Mingay, in which damages are laid at $5,000, to recover for an alleged slanderous charge made by defendant, on the 15th instant, as follows: "Sergeant O'Donnell last night stabbed me. I lost my pocketbook with $70 of money, and Sergeant O'Donnell robbed me of it."

ATTACHMENT.

An action of assumpsit was commenced by Hanibal H. Chandler against George B. and Charles B. Green, in which damages are laid at $1,000.

An action of assumpsit was commenced by the Troy Stone Manufacturing Company against Joseph E. More and Amos Grannis, in which damages are laid at $2,000.

DEBT.

An action of debt was commenced by the Catholic Bishop of Chicago against James McGrath and Michael Kerwin in which debt is laid at $300 and damages at $1,000.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.

An action of trespass, with capias, was commenced by John Anderson against William Bloomertz, in which damages are laid at $1,000, to recover for an alleged assault and battery with a beer faucet.

Superior Court.

A QUESTION OF CONTRACT.

In the case of Henry Gray and another against Eugene V. Boddin and James S. Hamilton, judgment was rendered for $2,019.67. This was an action to recover for a breach of contract to assign a lease of the premises No. 126 Lake street, made Aug. 14 last. Delivery of possession was to have been made on Dec. 1. The consideration was $6,500, of which $2,000 was paid down.

INSURANCE.

An action of assumpsit was commenced by Ezekiel Morrison against the Franklin Fire Insurance Company, of Philadelphia, in which damages are laid at $15,000.

SUIT AGAINST A RAILROAD COMPANY.

An action of trespass on the case was commenced by Richard M. Mitchell against the Illinois Central Railroad Company and the Union Steamboat Company in which damages are laid at $10,00.

ASSUMPSIT.

An action of assumpsit was commenced by Christian Liebtenberger against E. Harpstreite and H. Shinademan, in which damages are laid at $2,000.

DIVORCE.

George W. J. Cole against Mary H. Cole. Decree of divorce on the ground of desertion.

United States District Court.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

Involuntary proceedings were commenced against the Aurora Fire Insurance Company, of Aurora, by James G. Brown on a claim for $8,000, being the amount of a policy covering a quantity of goods stored at 85 West and 113 Monroe street, belonging to Field, Leiter & Co., and which policy was assigned to plaintiff. The act of bankruptcy charged, is the giving of preference to certain creditors.

ADMIRALTY.

A libel was file dby the Mercantile Mutual Insurance Company against the schooner Maggie Thompson, to recover $1,700, being the amount of a policy of insurance on 3 cargo of corn, the last barge in tow of which, as it is alleged, by the fault of the Captain of the vessel.

THE CITY IN BRIEF.

The St. Louis Fire.

The city was greatly excited during the early part of yesterday, owing to vague but startling rumors of a disastrous fire in St. Louis. In view of our own recent calamity, people here were apprehensive that another appalling catastrophe was being added to the list of those which have, within a short period, cast a gloom over the country. Happily the evening telegrams from St. Louis dispelled the fears of our citizens, and rendered the exertion of their benevolence in the way of sending off special provision trains and organizing Relief Committees unnecessary. Had the rumor been well founded, an immense impromptu demonstration was to be made yesterday night, and Chicago, even in her comparatively crippled condition, might have rivaled the generosity of the citizens of St. Louis in the hour of our misfortune. The Fire Marshal and all his engines ready for active service, in case a requisition should be made for help in that line. In a word, Chicago was prepared to do unto her sister city what the latter has done for her.

Police Matters.

The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners held their regular semi-weekly meeting at the City Hall yesterday afternoon. In the absence of President Frost, Mark Sheridan occupied the chair. Commissioners Rehm and Chadwick were in attendance.

Deputy Superintendent Wells Sherman reported that he could discover no evidence against the good character of Martin Casey, bridge tender at Rush street, and against whom charges have recently been made. The report was accepted.

Deputy Sherman and Edgar P. Toby reported having examined the guns of the old battery and found them unfit for use. They had written to Rock Island for blank forms in order that requisitions for ordnance might be made.

The deputy superintendent reported that officer Jacob Kirch, of the Second Precinct, died recently of consumption.

The charges against officer Christian Jacob, of the Third Precinct, were dismissed on their merits. The same applies to Officer Lobbeke of the same precinct.

The case against Officer Herbert of the First Precinct was continued.

The Board then adjourned.

All About a Trunk.

The following fresh incident of the great Chicago fire is supplied by the Rockford *Register*:

When the fire was at its fiercest on the South Side, Mr. James Butler gave to an expressman from his state street, a trunk containing many valuables, with directions to deliver it in a distant part of the city. It is almost needless to remark that the trunk was not delivered: that Mr. James Butler saw no more of the expressman in whom he had confidence, or of the trunk that occurred between Oct. 8 and Jan. 16 let us draw a veil. On the latter date the Chicago papers contained an account of a man who was caught in a pawnbroker's shop in the act of disposing of a one thousand dollar bond to his courteous host for $200. The friendly hospitality was rewarded by the arrest of the actor, who took the man, named John Houlihan, in custody. Between thousand dollars in bonds were found upon him, and some papers which seemed to indicate that they were the property of James Butler, Esq. The news of the arrest was sent all over the country in the Chicago papers, and doubtless everybody who read the account queried: "I wonder what has become of where he is." Where?—In Rockford, of course, and on Saturday he went into Chicago, identified his property, and returned to Rockford last Monday night $1,000 richer than he had dared to hope. We may add that Mr. Houlihan is a relative of Mr. L. B. Skinner, of this place, and is stopping with him at present.

Presentation.

The prospective retirement of Mr. Humphrey Moynahan from his position as Deputy Bridewell Keeper has brought out his friends in full force. Last evening he was presented with a handsome silver set of service by his associates at the Bridewell, aided by several contributions from the officers at the South and West Side Police Station. The presentation speech was made by Mr. A. J. Mack, his successor in the position of Deputy, and was responded to in feeling terms by the recipient. Mr. Moynahan has been for 10 years connected with the Bridewell and House of Correction, under different Superintendents, and probably is better acquainted with the class of population which frequents that institution than any other man can be for a long time. And this, too, without the slightest intention of engaging such an acquaintance, which is exceedingly useful in at least one occupation.

A Bad Samaritan.

A man, name unknown, was knocked down and robbed of his money, watch, and other valuables, about 9 o'clock on Sunday night at the corner of Madison and Market streets. The affair was witnessed by a German journalist, who proposed to be passing on the other side of the street. Not having a shooting iron about him, this gentleman did not interfere. The thief, having emptied the pockets of the helpless lay-out, escaped among the ruins. The journalist should here have played the part of the Good Samaritan, pouring oil and wine into the wounds of the stranger. But he did no such thing. He had no oil about his person, and no wine could be obtained within two squares. He did the next best thing. He informed the police, who appeared upon the scene soon after, but could not a trace of the man who had been robbed.

Personal.

Sam Ellis, the well-known detective, is convalescent.

Superintendent Felton, of the House of Correction, is about to go to Buffalo to bring his family here.

Dr. Powers, of St. John's Church, delivers the fourth of the University Church lectures, at Oak Park, this evening.

Mr. James Gill, of Leipzig, Germany, has taken up his residence in Chicago. He comes highly recommended as a musician of fine talent and skill.

Dr. Stimpson, the Secretary of the Chicago Academy of Science, is engaged in making scientific explorations and collections in the vicinity of Chicago, in behalf of the Government and our Academy.

Distressing Accident.

Woodman's bakery, No. 151 Canal street, was the scene of a very serious accident yesterday afternoon. While John Leonard, a hand employed in the establishment, was adjusting some belts in the engine room, his clothing got caught in the machinery, and he was whirled around a couple of times before the engine could be stopped. He was, finally, through the great exertion of his fellow workmen, rescued, having had his right leg broken, and his chest badly crushed by the accident. The injured man was removed to his home, where he was attended by Dr. Bailey. Leonard is quite a dangerous character. Leonard is a married man.

More Pay for the Letter-Carriers.

At noon yesterday, the following resolutions were offered by S. H. McCrea, and were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The free delivery of letters, by a well organized corps of letter-carriers, has become an established auxiliary to the business and commerce of our city; and,

WHEREAS, The letter-carriers of our city have served the public with such promptness and fidelity, and, as we are of opinion, are not adequately remunerated for their services; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we most heartily approve of the bill introduced into Congress by the Hon. Lewis Morgan, of Pennsylvania, for an increase of the pay of the letter-carriers, and we would respectfully represent unto our Representatives in both Houses of Congress the justice of the passage of said bill by their immediate and votes.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each of our Representatives and Senators.

Relief Matters.

Some aspiring Southerner, writing from Chapel Hill, La., sends a $100 Confederate note for the relief of Chicago sufferers, at the same time paying his most ardent respects to the O'Leary cow. He offers that mythical beast free transportation to Boston, and good keeping and provender forever thereafter, if she will promise to kick over a lamp which shall start a fire to consume Chicago.

The employees of the Union Pacific Railroad has so far contributed $4,500 for the relief fund.

The citizens of Buenos Ayres, through John C. Eisenbrandt, Treasurer, remit to the care of Hon. Lyman Trumbull $711.13 gold for the use of the Relief Societies.

A Tempting Offer.

In a New York letter to the Cincinnati *Gazette* the following paragraph occurs:

New York City secures for its pulpit nearly every year some man whom it asks for, but is apparently unable to persuade Robert Collyer from Chicago. The sturdy black-smith preacher was offered $10,000 a year to supply the place left vacated by Mr. Hepworth, and when it was proposed to top the sum with an additional $5,000, he replied: "Can I give my heart for money? A man who lets his pulpit or his opinions or his heart to just the one to win the favor of the people, is, as the fact which discloses the leading secret of Mr. Collyer's popularity among men of all denominations, Mammon is never at a discount, and we are glad to see it beats so high a premium even in New York.

Amusements.

The second grand soiree of the Irving Club will be held to-morrow evening, at Carr's Hall, Charles B. Green, in which damages are laid at $1,000.

The annual meeting of the Erring Woman's Refuge, for the election of officers, will be held at the institution, on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 1 o'clock p. m. Friends of the institution are cordially invited to be present at 3 o'clock p. m.

The closing exercises of the Lake Forest Academy will take place to-day. There will be a public reception at the Academy this evening, and the next term opens on Thursday of this week, as will be seen by a card in another column.

A Thief Trapped.

On the 16th instant, at Burlington, on the North Missouri Railroad, one Clavis Howard broke into the ticket office of the road, and stole therefrom the sum of forty-six dollars. Having secured his booty, the thief lost no time in coming to Chicago, where he obtained employment at a variety theatre on Clark street

NEW YORK.

The Fisk Murder Case—Arraignment of Stokes.

A Motion Made by the Prisoner's Counsel to Quash the Indictment.

Daily Review of the Leading Markets.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

GOLD.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Gold advanced to-day to 110 on the persistent flooding of the market with war canards by the bulls. The opening price was 109¾. The rates paid for carrying were 6, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 per cent. In the afternoon, when the rumors were contradicted, the market fell off to 109¾, and closed quiet.

MONEY.

Rates opened firmer to the stock brokers, who paid 7 per cent on Government bonds. The supply was abundant at 6 per cent, and the country banks are leaving balances with the leading dealers as low as 4 per cent. As the savings bank excitement dies out, legal tenders, which have been held for an emergency, are returning to active circulation, and the general currency movement to this centre has not been stronger since the beginning of the year than now. First-class commercial paper continues in good request at 7@8 per cent.

THE GOVERNMENT BOND MARKET.

The only speculative feature was the movement on the part of some of the foreign bankers to depress the market, both here and in Europe, for the purpose of covering the short sales made when it was expected the $20,000,000 negotiation between the Rothschilds and the Treasury would be a success, the theory being that the called bonds would not then rule above par in gold. The market was steady, however, and closed firm. The Government programme for February contemplates the purchase of $3,000,000 bonds, and sales of $6,000,000 gold.

PACIFIC RAILROAD BONDS.

Central Pacific bonds closed at 109½ to 109¾; and Unions at 92¾ to 93 for firsts; 87 to 89 for land grants, 87 to 87½ for incomes, and 87½ to 87¾ for stock.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

was heavy on a basis of 109 for 60 days' sterling, and 109½ for sight.

STOCKS.

The same means used to bull gold were used to depress stocks, and the market was generally heavy. Prices declined ½ to 1½ per cent, but at the close there was a recovery in most of the list.

BREADSTUFFS.

The flour market was active for the low, and irregular for the medium grades. There was a fair demand for the former for the South and British provinces. Wheat was in demand for winter from the South, and holders are firm. The stock is reduced. The market closed generally strong. Corn was in better demand, chiefly for export, closing strong and firm for steamer lots.

[To the Associated Press.]

STOKES ARRAIGNED.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Stokes was arraigned to-day in the Court of Oyer and Terminer this morning. His lawyer, John Graham, said he intended to move to quash the indictment. The Grand Jury had been given the case before the Coroner's jury had rendered a verdict. The Coroner's jury took the fact as to whether the deceased came to his death by a pistol shot fired by the prisoner, and otherwise exercised his authority, contrary to the statute. In his anxiety to obtain a murderous verdict, the papers were clandestinely transferred to the Grand Jury. The Coroner's jury, composed of Tammany Democrats, had placed upon the jury a lawyer named Mansell B. Field, whose motives were prejudiced. Mr. Graham also took the ground that the District-Attorney Fullerton in obtaining an indictment against Stokes, saying that Fullerton became acquainted with a subsidiary witness after the case came before him, Stokes having refused to pay him an enormous counsel fee of five thousand dollars, he used this subsidiary witness as a tool for the District Attorney counsel to secure an indictment against Stokes. The foregoing were put before the Court by Graham in the shape of affidavits. The District-Attorney Garvin states that he did not propose to put in contradictory affidavits. Graham then moved for the instant dismissal of the indictment on the ground of the sitting at two Grand Juries being unconstitutional, and that the presentment should be sent before a magistrate Grand Jury after the 1st of February.

The District-Attorney replied to Graham's argument that he had simply done what he was to warrant quashing the indictment. He referred to the savage assault of Graham upon ex-Judge Fullerton, and stated that the latter had only given in detail the circumstances of the shooting of Fisk, and referred to the case of Fisk against Mansfield and Stokes in the Superior Court. Graham again returned savagely on Garvin and Fullerton, and stated that it had come to his knowledge that the prosecution of this case had been underwent accelerated, if it did not entirely cause, his death, as there is a man, now living in this city, who could, sans one wound, have killed Fisk. McKeon, one of Stokes' counsel, followed, saying that Fisk was the centre of a band of assassins, which Mr. McKeon feared as he had never before in his official career.

The Court took the papers and adjourned to Thursday.

A PRESBYTERIAN INQUIRY.

On Monday next the Presbytery of Brooklyn will meet in an adjourned session at the Presbyterian Church. The called session is to take action upon the report of that the pastor of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, D.D., has recently invited and permitted a lady preacher, Miss Smilley, an orthodox Quaker minister, to occupy and preach in his pulpit.

UNFOUNDED RUMOR.

An alleged cable report was circulated in Wall street to-day about the rupture between England and Russia, arising from the reported determination of the former to oppose the Russian advance to Asia Minor, which caused a panic.

MARKET SAVINGS BANK.

The new Receiver of the Market Savings Bank was at work to-day, and expects to have the overall stories as to its unsoundness are substantially true. Cookin has thus far eluded the detectives, whose search is still vigorous. He has fled abroad, but the arrest and punishment of parties to the conspiracy for the robbery of the bank is expected to follow as well as the recovery of some of the stolen bonds. A meeting of the depositors of the bank was held this afternoon to hear the report of the committee appointed to confer with the officers. The total liabilities are stated at $300,000, and the total of available assets, $150,000. Fully 60 per cent of depositors will probably get no more than 50 cents on the dollar. Every effort is being made to ascertain the whereabouts of Conklin.

FOOT-PADS AT WORK.

Another citizen of Brooklyn, Walter Hoyt, was shot in the arm on Henry street by a desperado. The wound in the arm is dangerous. Wm. Fullerton has been arrested and partially identified.

The Consul-General of the Netherlands, Mr. Van Leuwen, was assaulted and robbed of his watch, chain, and pocket-book, on Fulton street, Brooklyn, and probably mistook the footpads for Brooklyn policemen, as he immediately complained of the indignities he had suffered.

BROWN FROM A CAB.

A passenger named Brown was thrown by or from a car on the Flushing Railroad, and severely injured. He was passing from one car to another at the time.

CHANGE OF NAME.

It has been determined to drop the name of Tammany from the title of the society, names of general and grand committees, and from the building now known as Tammany Hall. Thenceforth it is to be established as "Columbian Hall."

SNOW.

Snow fell about daylight this morning, and one of the heaviest gales from the Northwest has been prevailing. Since sunrise it is very cold and clear.

TWEED'S OPERATIONS.

It is very probable that Tweed will go to Albany to-day or to-morrow. He has now made up have secured a sufficient number of Senators to enable him to take and keep his seat. It is generally believed that the people of the New York Tribune will be speedily sold at auction, was purchased by parties acting for Tweed.

The Times will publish to-morrow seven columns of figures, derived from the investigation of the Committee of Seventy, showing in detail the fraudulent transactions of the Department of Public Works, when under Tweed's management in the purchase of supplies. It says: "Thousands of dollars were obtained from the bureau of supplies on fraudulent vouchers approved by Wm. M. Tweed, and certified to by his subordinates, acting under his orders. The Committee of Seventy have clearly established the fact that all supplies furnished to the city from Tweed's department except in a very few instances, were purchased under his personal direction. The total amount of supplies purchased under the exhibit to be published is $1,666,238.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

At the nineteenth anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association, this evening, addresses were delivered by Rev. George H. Hepworth and Stephen Tyng, Jr.

DEATH OF AN EDITOR.

Joseph E. Lyman, agricultural editor of the *Tribune*, died yesterday.

THE LAW OF NATIONALS.

At a meeting of the Internationals, yesterday, a report was read, showing that the organization is progressing throughout this country. Twenty-seven new Unions have been formed during this month.

SMALL-POX.

The small-pox is very virulent and fatal at Hoboken and Union Hill, New Jersey.

NORTHERN BOUNDARY.

The *World* says that another distinguished clergyman will soon abandon Unitarianism and unite with the Episcopalians.

AMUSEMENTS.

CHARLOTTE CUSHMAN'S READINGS.

Charlotte Cushman read selections from Shakspeare's glorious play, Henry VIII. last evening, at the Michigan Avenue Baptist Church. The occasion was in many respects noteworthy. After an absence of more than three years, Miss Cushman returns to Chicago when in the early days of its prosperity witnessed some of her noblest triumphs. She comes at a time when the city is making a feeble effort to supply the splendors of a promised dramatic and musical season unparalleled in her history by trivial histrionics and sporadic concerts. Every day when so great an artist appears upon the scene should be marked with a white stone by all lovers of dramatic excellence. The rarity of the entertainment was duly appreciated by the people of the South Side, who crowded every seat and corner of the church to its utmost capacity. No such assemblage of aristocratic equipage has been seen at the doors of any place of amusement for a twelvemonth. Little display was made within in the direction of dress, the testimony of the weather precluding that much of display. The social and intellectual phases of Chicago society were, however, well represented.

The appropriation of the church to dramatic uses was something unusual. A faint attempt had been made at stage imitation. The platform containing the pulpit had been extended to the front, and a few footlamps, which just lost the finer vision of the audience, served to bring into relief the finely individualized figure of the reader. The rear of the platform was draped with the conventional folds of English stuff, about which doubtless cling many old associations. It was a little past 8 when she appeared upon the scene. Her dress was simple and elegant. She wore a black silk skirt, with overdress of the same, the corsage cut high. The sleeves were flowing, and both hand and sleeves were trimmed with grenadine lace. Her jewelry was plain. Her jewels were gold and diamonds, and elegantly mounted. The kid gloves of spotless whiteness completed her costume.

The powers of Miss Cushman seem to be mellowed, rather than impaired, by age. It is but a few years since the last readings of Fanny Kemble, whom many of those present had heard. A mental comparison could not, of course, be avoided. Between the two ladies there seems to be a striking resemblance. They have the same strongly-marked features, the same peculiarities of physique, and about the same number of years have shed accumulated honors upon them. They have a similar magnetism of look and gesture, although the latter's marvellous play of voice and flash of elocution. Further, it would not be fair to either to extend the comparison.

The selections for the scene in the first act, in which Buckingham is attainted by Wolsey, the trial scene, the scene representing the fall of Wolsey, and the close of the fourth act. The characters were distinguished by fine elocutionary shading, the reader giving admirably the unmistakable regal air of Henry, the blunt and bluff manner of the King, the dignified speech of Cardinal Wolsey, and the weak, piping tones of Cardinal Campeius, and the cold, harsh drawl of the witness, upon whose testimony Buckingham is brought to the axe. The first scene in the fourth was a splendid piece of acting. From the King, the delivery of which drew forth a round of applause. The noble trait shown by Queen Catherine in pleading for the people, her womanly delicacy and discretion. The estimation of its interest, however, was, in this fashion, the heaviest tax upon the powers of the reader. Wolsey's fall is shown the fall of Wolsey from his previous height of grandeur. The changing passions of this great man, the rage, the grief, the disappointment, the broken heart were interpreted and shown to the audience in such a manner as to evince not only the consummate skill, but the full and worthy appreciation of the profound conceptions of the poet. Careful study and rare scholarship were apparent as the evening on each occasion during his short stay of one week. He must be seen to be appreciated.

The house was crowded, too, on account of the first appearance of several new additions to the stock company. Rock, who, though a young man, is a veteran on the stage, has already made his *entrée* amid a warm welcome, and received Padgett of the stage, odium of being also obliged to take the part of the villain. He enacted *Trony*, who wishes to get rid of one since that he may marry the other, and does not succeed in giving a dignity into the character that almost made it respectable. Mr. Daly, another addition, took the part of Zimri Wooden, and received hearty hop, and was intensely amusing without overdoing the character. *Jenny Snort* was personated by Miss Sarah Bindle, Bailey, and Mother Bindle by the good graces of the audience notwithstanding the fact that she went hopelessly wild in the first verse of her song. She is evidently entitled to the credit of having struggled through it heroically, where most people would have broken down and sung the second verse very nervously, though her forte is evidently acting rather than singing. *Slamer*, the deserted sister, was personated by Miss Bailey, and *Mother Bindle* by Miss Mabel Leigh. Both are much better than the average of a stock company. Indeed, the management of the theatre should have more than one first-class performance of this character.

The second week of the Lingard engagement opened last evening to a rather thin house, the result of the horrible weather and the multiplicity of attractions elsewhere. This is the more to be regretted as the troupe has given the public some very fine acting during its stay. During the present limited engagement, and may now fairly lay claim to be counted among the very best travelling companies in existence. Since Burnett has taken off the burlesque mania which threatened to possess the whole world at the time of his last visit, and has stuck to his comedy business, he has strengthened his company, so that he presents such plays as he attempts in the best possible manner.

The play presented last evening was Byron's "Not to Be Taken," one of his latest comedies, and it is not one whit behind much of any of them. The scene is laid in England, as a matter of course, and the personages are also essentially English. Mr. and Mrs. *Harcourt* are newly-married couple, likely to be happy, though the husband appears too extravagant in his habits to make a success of his business life. *Mrs. Delecour* is a young widow, just freed from a matrimonial alliance not at all to her liking, and is about to marry the son of a rich green grocer and coal dealer, with a rather strong attraction for *Pounce*, maid to *Mrs. Harcourt*, now *Bloss*, a cousin of *Mr. Harcourt*, and *Captain Thistleton* go to make up the list.

The first scene shows a parlor in *Harcourt's* house, in which *Mr. Harcourt* (Lingard) and her maid (Dickie Lingard), who are shortly joined by *Mrs. Delecour*, a young widow (Alice Dunning), and *Pounce* (Miss Bailey) on the unexpected arrival of *Captain Thistleton* (Evans) until the announcement of *Mr. Nubbly* (Lingard), who, after a hot chase through the mud, comes into the theater, and makes an amusing scene by mistaking him for the footman. *Mrs. Harcourt* returns, and the husband, who has been in from his retirement, and introduces him to *Mrs. Delecour*. The cousins then go out just in time to allow *Mr. Harcourt* (Lingard) and *Mrs. Delecour* (Dunning) to come in, when the widow at once shows her partiality for the Captain, and he his indifference for her. This ends the scene in a short and exciting scene, during which *Harcourt* leaves the room, but shortly returns with his wife, whom he introduces to the astonished *Captain Thistleton*, to the comfiture of both, which is ended by their agreement to appear strangers. This plan is frustrated by the indiscretion of *Blunt*, an old friend of both parties, who causes a tableau by incautiously referring to the previous acquaintance of *Mrs. Harcourt* and *Captain Thistleton*. The entrance of *Captain Thistleton* (Evans) and *Mr. Nubbly* (McKeon), and the confusion of his wife and *Captain Thistleton*.

The second scene is laid in *Pounce's* house, and opens upon *Pounce* and *Mr. Nubbly*, whose little love passage is interrupted by the entrance of *Mrs. Harcourt* and *Mrs. Delecour* for which reason *Nubbly* makes an unceremonious entrance into a closet, where he is an unconscious witness of the manifestation of affection between *Mrs. Harcourt* favors her friend. It appears that the former had a selfish flirtation with *Captain Thistleton*, in the course of which she had given him a letter, one of which he seeks to use to her disadvantage now that she is married. Just as they resolve to confide in their husband confidence, in and a conversation takes place between him and *Mrs. Delecour*, in the course of which she becomes convinced that she has in his possession the only letter which could criminate her friend. Taking advantage of his weariness, she helps him to go to sleep and then abstracts the letter from his pocket and delivers it to *Mrs. Harcourt*, advising her, now that all proof is removed, to go back and be reconciled to her husband. That as *Mrs. Harcourt* had determined to take her friend's advice, *Harcourt* himself comes in, accompanied by his friend, *Blunt*, who announces her for coming to meet the Captain in the house of her friend. The tableau which ends the scene is an excellent one as the wife is discarded wife begging her husband to forgive her, while he refuses, and is supported by *Blunt*, who shares in *Harcourt's* belief as to his wife's unfaithfulness.

The scene returns to *Harcourt's* house, where *Blunt* and *Mrs. Delecour* are discussing the household and social affairs of the *Harcourts*, and finish up by a little argument in which each has but one side, and which is a charming woman as the widow has a part in it. The settlement of *Harcourt's* bills introduces *Mr. Nubbly*, who does a bill comedy setting after the Eccles order. *Captain Thistleton*, too, makes his appearance, and demands the immediate payment of several I. O. U.'s, given him by *Harcourt* in settlement of gambling debts. *Blunt*, who has been paying all his friend's bills, refuses to pay this one, but does so when he has learned that *Mrs. Harcourt* has sold her jewels for the purpose. *Captain Thistleton* declares his intention to leave the country and immediately, on his departing shot by passing over to *Harcourt* the letter from his wife, as he supposes; but the document is given to *Blunt*, who, as soon as he has left him in a bank robbery, and while he is detained a moment, he is placed under arrest for the crime by two detectives. Thus does the play end in the prescribed method and thus is vice foiled according to the most approved programme. The curtain falls on a scene which reconciled Mrs. Harcourt to certainty of a match between *Blunt* and the charming widow.

Taken as a whole, the comedy is a very meritorious one. The dialogue never flags, the situations are effective and there is not a moment in the progress of the piece that is not enjoyable. The movement of the stage was singularly void of waits and breaks. It is enough to say that all those who miss seeing "War to the Knife" will stay away from Chicago a bit of acting as has been done in this city in a long time.

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To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

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